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Market blast claims 14th victim

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Eli Adourian, 49, of Kfar Adumim, yesterday became the 14th victim of the July 30 suicide bombing in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market.



Eli Adourian

His funeral is scheduled to take place in Kfar Adumim at 10 a.m. today.

Adourian had been in intensive care in Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, since the terrorist attack.

He was married with four children and his family was at his bedside when he died.

Hadassah spokesman Yossi Shoval said Adourian had arrived in very serious condition and fought for his life for 13 days. His condition had improved slightly over the period, Shoval said, but then deteriorated suddenly and his lungs collapsed.

Thirteen people injured in the bombing remain in Hadassah Hospital, three in serious condition and the others in moderate condition.

Seven others are in Shaare Zedek Hospital, where one is in serious but stable condition. Six are in Bikur Holim Hospital, all of whom sustained light injuries.

Gold urges US to 'come down hard' on Arafat

WASHINGTON (AP) – Ambassador to the UN Dore Gold yesterday urged the Clinton administration to "come down hard" on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"He has to understand violence doesn't pay," Gold said in accusing Arafat of permitting terrorists to import bombs and hatch plots in areas under PA control.

Speaking at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, he admitted Israel had no conclusive evidence to link Arafat to the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombings.

Hamas denies it carried out the attack, and Arafat said he has intelligence information that the bombers did not come from Palestinian-controlled areas.

However, Gold said, "terrorism does not spring out of nowhere. It occurs because an organization exists that supports terrorism. There is somebody there who is training them, who is bringing in bombs from Egypt."

He said Israel would insist that Arafat carry out his commitment to root out terrorists even if it means indefinite delay in resuming peace talks.

And if Arafat carries them out, Israel is prepared to expand the territory on the West Bank placed under PA control, he said.

Gold also urged US peace envoy Dennis Ross to insist on Arafat's compliance with security promises.

"You cannot be evenhanded," Gold said. "You have to come down hard."





Border Police drag away a Conservative worshiper from the Western Wall during last night's Tisha Be'av lamentations. (Brian Hendler)

Tisha Be'av in two cities

Police force Conservatives from Wall area

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

There was hitting and crying and screaming and some fighting between Jew and Jew at the Western Wall last night, but it was not haredim attacking non-Orthodox Jews, but border policemen trying to clear away the 200 Conservative Jews who had come to say the lamentations of Tisha Be'av.

The skirmish ensued shortly before 8 p.m. when the Conservative minyan was asked to leave the area, after they had begun reciting the evening prayers. The group was sitting in a fenced-off area that the police had designated for its use, just inside the entrance at the southern end of the Western Wall Plaza.

There had been warnings for the last few days that there might be another violent reaction by haredim to the presence of a mixed minyan at the Western Wall, as there was on Shavuot morning when the group was pelted with rocks and coffee. But hundreds of police and Border Police were present last night to insure that there would not be a repeat of that incident.

A group of haredim did gather to hurl invective at the minyan, and at the border policemen locked arm-in-arm who surrounded them, but the fracas only began when the police tried to push the crowd all the way down the road and out Dung Gate.

The packed crowd, surrounded by hundreds of bystanders and clusters of TV cameramen, photographers and journalists, was shoved backwards, even as most of them tried to peacefully follow the police request to leave. Many were thrown to the ground and trampled upon, as were others who tried to come to their aid.

Although the Conservatives were told by the police before entering the plaza that they would be allowed to pray there, Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki informed them shortly after they began services that they were violating the law and the custom of the area by praying in a mixed minyan, and would have to leave.

"I'm very upset and sorry about what happened here tonight," said Oded Weiner, director-general of the Holy Sites Authority. "But this whole area is like a synagogue, and they are not allowed to pray here in a mixed minyan. So I asked the police to enforce the law and stop the service.

"Then the haredim started screaming, so the police decided to move them [the Conservative group] out. Some extremists among them didn't want to leave, that's why the pushing started."

Rabbi Andrew Sachs, one of the leaders of the group, said that they had been given permission to gather at the Wall. "The police told us they would allow us to pray together, and they would protect us," he said.

Yitzhaki said that the police foresaw the possibility that the Conservative group would get hurt, and the inevitable conclusion was to expel them to ensure their safety.

"We didn't want it to develop into a more violent confrontation among Jews on the night of Tisha Be'av in the Kotel vicinity," he said.

The group did gather to hear Lamentations in front of an ancient wall, but it was only a tower from the 11th century that stands outside the Old City wall, next to Dung Gate.

Nearby, arguments continued between haredim and non-Orthodox Jews over the appropriateness of the group's gathering.

"Why can't you just let Jews be?" asked one of the members of the Conservative group.

"Why are you desecrating this site?" came back the reply.

There would be no winning the argument.

Inside the plaza, some 30,000 worshipers were oblivious to the tumult that was taking place outside. They sat on mats in front of the last remnant of the Second Temple, mourning its destruction 1,927 years ago.

Some Tel Aviv restaurants stay open despite fast

By SUE FISHKOFF

At 7:20 p.m., the official start of the Tisha Be'av fast, Tel Aviv's venerable Kassit restaurant was open for business. The lone customer was an elderly man drinking tea and feeding bits of his roll to a pair of hungry cats.

"I've never closed on Tisha Be'av," said owner Ze'ev Litman. "This place isn't kosher. No one with a kippa would set foot in here anyway."

Open since 1946, Kassit was long a popular hangout for the city's political and artistic gliteratti,, a mirror of Tel Aviv's brusque live-and-let-live secular lifestyle.

"Understand, I'm not making any kind of protest by staying open," Litman added. "We obey all the laws. If I'm not required to shut, I won't."

Despite the municipality's earlier announcement that eateries had the right to stay open during the fast day, most of the city's bars and restaurants decided to respect religious sensibilities and closed their doors. The Apropo and Takamura chains and the Hard Rock Cafe were closed, as were the trendy bars around the Cinematheque and in North Tel Aviv. Most stayed open until the last minute, putting away their chairs only at 7:15.

"We're staying open," declared the bartender at Zoo, a bar on Rehov Yehuda Hamaccabi popular with the very young crowd.

Was he expecting less customers than usual? "To tell you the truth, we're expecting more," he said.

If most residential neighborhoods seemed darker than usual, the tourist areas were booming. Restaurants near Dizengoff Circle and along Rehov Hayarkon's hotel row were packed.

"We're expecting a bigger crowd than usual," said a waitress at Picasso, a trendy bar across from the Dan Tel Aviv hotel. "We thought we'd have to close, but then the city said we could stay open, so we did."

As the evening wore on, conflicting reports of the city's last-minute decision to order restaurants to close began to filter down to the streets.

"We just heard on the radio that we have to close," said a waitress at an ice-cream shop on the corner of Shenkin and Melchett, as she closed out her cash register for the night.

The southern end of Rehov Shenkin was mostly open for business, but the northern half of the street, which borders a religious neighborhood, was fairly dark by 8:30.

"They all got word from the city this afternoon that they had to shut, or they'd be fined," said Bat-Ami Cohen, who was enjoying a coffee with her friend in Shenkin's Cafe-To.

"I didn't get anything," insisted the owner of Shenkin 17, a small eatery on the corner of Gan Mordechai, the heart of the street's restaurant area. His place was filled with customers, as were all the outdoor cafes on the park.

Further up the street, the only place open was Slice Pizza. "We're staying open," vowed owner David Vanish. "We share the neighborhood with the religious people. The city said we had the right to decide, and we did."

Even by 9, few places seemed to be aware they were now in violation of city orders. Or if they knew, they stayed open anyway. Rehov Dizengoff was still swinging, and the line at Zoo was out the door.

Tisha Be'av 'status quo' anchored in law

Just before the Knesset began its summer recess, it passed a bill which gives local authorities the right to decide what enterprises can remain open on Tisha Be'av in the areas under their jurisdiction. This, in effect, anchored in legislation the existing religious status quo on the issue.

The law was a last minute compromise agreed upon in the Law Committee. Committee chairman Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) had been promoting legislation – which passed first reading – that would have required all places of entertainment and restaurants to be closed on Tisha Be'av. The amendment to preserve the status quo was introduced by Dedi Zucker (Meretz).

Liat Collins

Ross pushes for joint security

By JAY BUSHINSKY, JON IMMANUEL, and news agencies

American peace envoy Dennis Ross yesterday kept the focus of his marathon talks here and in Ramallah on the need for effective security measures against terrorist attacks, while seeking to foster "an atmosphere of partnership" between Israeli and Palestinian officials

A third one-on-one meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is scheduled for 10 a.m. today, but the convening of two high-level sessions attended by American Central Intelligence

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Agency personnel and security chiefs from Israel and the Palestinian Authority has been the core of his mission.

"We are not going to accept these meetings per se as substitutes for substance... There is no security cooperation yet," said David Bar-Illan, Netanyahu's director of communications and policy planning.

He confirmed a Palestinian report that the names of 88 new terror suspects were submitted to the PA security officials who attended Sunday night's three-sided parley at Neveh Ilan .

The suspects belong to Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and include members of Fatah, some of whom serve as Palestinian policemen.

Working almost around the clock and assisted by the State Department's Aaron Miller and the National Security Council's Bruce Riedel, Ross not only has conferred with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, but also with his fellow peacemaker, Miguel Moratinos of the European Union.

His remarks during a meeting with Foreign Minister David Levy reflected the extent to which he adopted Israel's basic premise about security being the sine qua non of the peace process.

Israeli sources privy to the meeting quoted Ross as having said there can be no peace process without security as its underpinning. But he was quick to inject an evenhanded comment: "Sustaining the peace process will need more than security cooperation."

Ross called for the bilateral security talks to be "institutionalized." He reportedly said the two sides must act against their common enemy, terrorism. Unconfirmed reports have Ross leaving tomorrow, but he said he and his colleagues will be watching developments very closely.

Ross assured Levy that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit at the end of this month hinges on concrete and effective action being taken against the terrorist cells believed to exist in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Ross said the Palestinian-Israeli sessions on security "are steps in the direction of reestablishing [the security] relationship."

In subsequent talks with Moratinos, Levy was briefed about his discussions with Arafat and Saeb Erekat, the former head of the PA's delegation during the last round of negotiations.

Moratinos informed Levy of the EU's intention to assign a Swedish counter-terrorism expert, Nils Ericsson, to advise the PA in its security operations.

Palestinians consider the US "a witness and a judge" of Palestinian security efforts in the face of the government's constant disparagement of PA anti-terror efforts, Nabil Abu Rudeineh, an adviser to PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, said yesterday.

"If they say we are to blame, we will accept that. But we hope they will also be courageous enough to say when the Israelis are to blame," he said.

Ross described the American role as that of "monitor."

Palestinian, American, and Israeli security officials were scheduled to meet again in Ramallah, but by close to midnight the talks had not begun.

Although the talks are limited to security, the Palestinians will consider they have scored political points if the US does not insist on the mass arrest of Islamic radicals, as Israel has demanded.

Arafat has sought to persuade Ross that his approach to security is politically reasonable and not negligent, as claimed by the government.

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WORLDVIEW

Khatami wearily chooses ministers

By STEVEN SWINDELLS

TEHERAN (Reuters) – Iran's new President Mohammad Khatami is moving carefully to gain approval for his cabinet choices from conservatives who dominate parliament, political analysts and diplomats based in Teheran said yesterday.

They said the moderate Shi'ite Moslem cleric is facing opposition from conservatives and hardliners particularly over his choices for sensitive ministries such as foreign affairs, intelligence (internal security) and culture.

"Khatami has to tread very carefully... he has to learn to walk before he can run. Nothing has been won yet even with the election victory," one Western diplomat said.

The Majlis, the 270-member parliament, which holds its next session today, is dominated by conservatives headed by Speaker Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri whom Khatami crushed at the polls on promises of social and economic reform.

Some newspapers said yesterday that Khatami would present his list of cabinet ministers to parliament today. Khatami, who has legally until next Monday to do so, has not confirmed this.

"There is every likelihood that the president will go to the Majlis tomorrow with his list for the cabinet... It is also clear that the president is under pressure to include some names from certain factions," *Iran News* reported.

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Israel, Lebanon swap complaints

By STEVE RODAN

The Golani Brigade soldier killed on Sunday was identified last night as Staff-Sgt. Ronen Cohen, 21, of Moshav Kohav Michael. The family said the funeral would take place when his older brother returns from a trip to the US.

Cohen was part of a patrol in the village of Houneh. IDF sources said a Hizbullah squad, apparently on its way to the security zone to launch an attack, spotted a patrol near Houneh, in the eastern sector of the security zone, and opened fire with machine guns. Cohen was killed and another soldier was wounded.

At that point, Hizbullah gunners pounded the area with artillery and mortars, thus preventing helicopters from arriving to evacuate the wounded and giving the Hizbullah squad cover to escape.

The guns in south Lebanon turned silent yesterday, as representatives of Israel, Lebanon, Syria, France, and the US returned to the negotiating table to discuss alleged violations of the Grapes of Wrath cease-fire understandings around the security zone after the deaths of 14 Lebanese and an Israeli over the last week.



Staff-Sgt. Ronen Cohen

So far, Lebanon has submitted five alleged violations by Israel, including air force bombings and raids within and outside the security zone.

Israel has submitted five alleged violations that concern the Hizbullah killings of Lebanese citizens and South Lebanese Army soldiers, as well as the firing of Katyusha rockets on Kiryat Shmona on Friday, in which one woman was injured. The latest complaint was over the firing of a Katyusha rocket on an orphanage in the Jezzine-area village of Sfarai.

IDF officers said that Hizbullah is trying to escalate tension in the area by directing fire largely at Christian villages. They said the IDF is exercising restraint.

Hizbullah has denied firing Katyushas at Kiryat Shmona or the orphanage.

Hariri blames Arafat for rocket attack

PARIS (Reuter) – Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri yesterday accused forces loyal to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat of firing rockets from Lebanese soil which injured a woman in northern Israel on Friday.

"It appears that these were Arafat's people who launched those rockets," Hariri told the French daily *Le Monde* in a phone interview, but without offering evidence to support the allegation.

Hizbullah guerrillas, fighting to drive Israeli troops from the Security Zone, denied firing the rockets, and Hariri said he believed them.

Israel retaliated for the rocket attack with air attacks on southern Lebanese bases belonging to Hizbullah and a radical Palestinian faction.

Hariri also criticized comments Arafat made after last week's Islamic militant suicide bombing at the Mahaneh Yehuda market, which killed 14 and threw the Middle East peace process into crisis.

Hariri said Arafat had publicly accepted the word of Israeli intelligence in blaming unspecified foreigners for the attack, and that this explained why Israel was attacking Lebanon.

"Mr. Arafat well knows that Lebanon has endured much and continues to do so to defend the Palestinian cause. The Israelis hold him responsible for their safety. He responds that they (the two suicide bombers) came from abroad," Hariri said. He did not say where he believed the bombers had come from.

Arafat made his comment to argue that sanctions imposed by Israel on Palestinian areas after the bombing were misplaced, and to counter charges from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that he had failed to crack down on militants.

The French Foreign Ministry said yesterday that it was increasingly concerned about the violence in southern Lebanon.

It said a five-nation monitoring group set up after cross-border violence between Israel and Lebanon in April 1996 had opened talks in the Lebanese town of Naqoura on Sunday in an effort to calm tensions. The group comprises representatives of France, the US, Syria, Lebanon and Israel.

Darawshe slammed for 'right of return' chant

A-Sanaa accused of saying Syria deserves to win next war

By LIAT COLLINS

A call made in Syria by MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe (Democratic Arab Party) for the full "right of return for Palestinians" has met with sharp criticism from both the political left and right in Israel.

Darawshe, speaking at the Yarmuk refugee camp near Damascus as part of a visit to Syria by Arab MKs and other Israeli Arab dignitaries, made a passionate plea for Palestinians to return to land from the Golan Heights to Jerusalem. "If not you, then your sons; and if not your sons, then your grandchildren," Darawshe called to cheers by residents of the refugee camp.

His party colleague, MK Taleb A-Sanaa, expressed similar sentiments and allegedly said he hoped "this people [the Syrians] wins in all wars."

Moledet activists filed a police complaint against A-Sanaa. They found that there was no legal basis for charges against Darawshe despite "the seriousness of what he said."

Delegation member MK Sallah Tarif (Labor) boycotted the visit to the refugee camp and, in an interview with Israel Radio, expressed reservations about the behavior of other delegates on the trip.

"I regret such statements," he said. "They cannot help and just offer illusions to the Palestinians in Syria. I opted not to take part in the trip to the refugee camp for this reason. I can't be a party to these things and I can't express my own, different, feelings since I support the Oslo accords and I believe everything will go according to those accords and negotiations with the Palestinians."

He said the Syrian media are giving the MKs' visit extensive coverage. "These messages are reaching the Syrian people and are at the top of the news here," Tarif said.

No Jewish journalists from Israel were permitted to accompany the delegation.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu responded to Darawshe's statements by saying, "Israel will never agree to [Palestinian] right of return, nor will we allow such extreme expressions to harm the delicate fabric woven between Jews and Arabs in the State of Israel over the last 50 years."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid also condemned Darawshe's statements and criticized the delegation for not stressing that they are Israelis.

"The visit is causing me some frustration and not a little dissatisfaction," he said. "It bothers me that some of them are not identifying themselves as Israelis and are acting as if they have come from an anonymous country. I would expect them to say there, in Damascus, 'We are MKs from Israel – Israeli citizens – democratically elected, and even if we have complaints as Israeli Arabs, we are proud of our joint identity as Israeli Arabs.'"

Sarid rejected Darawshe's call for Palestinian right of return. "Each side can amuse itself with dreams, dreams can't be censored. But practically speaking, the right of return cannot be realized. No serious, responsible person can consider allowing millions of refugees into Israel."

Likud MK Ruby Rivlin has asked the Knesset House Committee to lift Darawshe's parliamentary immunity, saying his call amounted to incitement to eliminate the state.

"I would expect their message to be one of peace and to show that Jews and Arabs live together in a Jewish democratic country. To show they have become MKs despite being Arabs. To make people understand that the existence of Israel is a fact and Jews and Arabs can live here," said Rivlin.

"Darawshe didn't just cross the boundaries of good taste but crossed all acceptable limits," he added. "He is inciting against Israel, purely and simply. And he is doing it among our enemies while bowing down on the graves of the 'martyrs' Izzadin Kassam and Abu Jihad, who called for 'Palestine' to be liberated by spilling Jewish blood."

MK Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to investigate the statements made by members of the delegation in Syria. Zandberg said he suspects the statements might constitute a violation of the law and the pledge of allegiance by Knesset members to the State of Israel.

Deputy Prime Minister Moshe Katsav, who is responsible for Arab affairs, said the MKs speaking against Israel in Syria have disqualified themselves as fitting leaders of the communities they are meant to represent. He also said they had betrayed the trust the state had placed in them.



Israeli Arab delegation member Samih Kaseem is hoisted into the air by a Palestinian resident of the Yarmuk refugee camp, near Damascus, during the group's visit yesterday. (Reuters)

Weizman: Time to talk to Syria

By BATSHEVA TSUR and Itim

The sooner Israel and Syria are able to hold a dialogue and reach some understanding, President Ezer Weizman said yesterday, the better it will be for the entire region.

"I do not say we should not take Syrian threats seriously," he said, "but we have to take into consideration the fact that Syria invited a delegation of Israeli Arabs, including MKs, who are currently visiting there. This is indicative of something and it is more pleasant than threats."

Speaking at Haifa's Rambam Hospital during a visit to two soldiers wounded in Lebanon, Weizman said it must be borne in mind that Syria is a "much more closed society, much more difficult" than Egypt or Jordan.

Weizman said that he does not regard the current situation in Lebanon as "a deterioration." He noted there had been "ups and downs" in the past too. The Lebanese situation will improve when there is a dialogue with Syria, he added.

Turning to an IDF major's insulting remark about Druse soldiers, Weizman said: "This remark cannot be ignored and the matter has to be handled by the army."

He called on the Druse community to ignore the remark to the effect that the Druse soldiers are conscripted in order to prevent them from joining Hamas. "The Druse community should not regard this stupid remark as a reflection of the army's attitude," he said.

Weizman visited Ma'adi Hatib, 21, of Beit Jann, who is still in critical condition after being hit by friendly fire during a reconnaissance mission in southern Lebanon, and Nazar Amar, 20, of Julis, whose condition was described as moderate.

Officer who insulted Druse discharged

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak decided yesterday that the major who insulted Druse soldiers in a lecture to a group of officers should leave the army, the IDF Spokesman announced.

The IDF Manpower Branch yesterday held a meeting, attended by the major and the officers she had addressed, at which it was confirmed that she had made the insulting comments.

Shahak has informed Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai of his decision. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

ANALYSIS

What's a dictator to do? – Make trouble

By BARRY RUBIN

Syrian President Hafez Assad wants everyone to pay attention to him. Unfortunately for Damascus, his timing couldn't be worse.

In contrast, and with an intriguing new twist, Hizbullah and Iran want to avoid publicity.

For 18 months, Israeli and Syrian negotiators were not just deadlocked, they didn't even meet. The peace process the world is watching and encouraging is the Israeli-Palestinian one. All the frantic shuttle diplomacy is between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and not between Netanyahu and Assad.

What's a dictator to do? What Middle East dictators do best! Make threats and trouble. Assad's activities include:

- Allowing and encouraging Hizbullah to step up attacks.
- Visiting Iran to strengthen and highlight that alliance.
- Inviting Israeli Arab politicians to lobby within Israel.
- Proposing a Syria-Iraq detente, including border openings.
- Voicing anti-Israel rhetoric tough even by Syrian standards.
- Executing provocative military maneuvers.
- Perhaps escalating support for terrorist attacks. If the Mahaneh Yehuda bombers came from outside the PA-ruled territory, where did they come from and who sent them? Of course, the ultimate point of these gestures is to warn that Syria is ready to go to war unless Israel returns the Golan.

Naturally, Israel must take this threat seriously and be prepared to deter or defeat an attack. But behind the bluster, Assad does not have much of a direct military option. Thus, he mixes terror, threats and diplomatic activism in a futile hope that the world will jump in and get things moving.

Yet aside from the Israel-Palestinian issue monopolizing attention, Assad has nothing to offer Israel and isn't ready to make peace. Netanyahu will certainly not offer to withdraw from the whole Golan Heights, or perhaps even from part of it. As for Hizbullah and its Iranian backers, their motives are not totally clear. Hizbullah wants to go on posing as the hero of anti-Israel holy war, its main political asset in Lebanon. But it also imitated the trend of terrorist groups denying responsibility for attacks in order to win international sympathy and try to avoid Israeli reprisals. It even took the novel approach of blaming Arafat, whom Hizbullah loathes, seeking to deepen Israel-PA friction.

The violence in Lebanon may also have something to do with Hizbullah and its Tehran friends showing that a new "moderate" Iranian president will not stop Iran and its clients continuing radical activities. Sadly, as is so often the case in the region, lots of political forces have a vested stake in promoting violence.

Syrian visit shows Arab Israelis' dilemma

By JONATHAN TEPPERMAN

The Israeli Arab delegation that arrived in Damascus last Friday has won few friends in the Israeli government with its pro-Syrian stance and harsh criticism of the policies of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. But the fiery rhetoric reflects the intense pressure under which the 42-strong delegation must operate.

Assessing the visit, Dr. Elie Rekhess, director of Tel Aviv University's Program on Arab Politics in Israel, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday about the conflicting demands being placed on the delegation by its different constituencies: Palestinian, Syrian and Israeli. One wrong move, Rekhess said, and the Israeli Arabs risk estranging one or more of these parties – with potentially dire consequences for those living within the Green Line.

"Here we see the whole dilemma of being an Israeli Arab in a nutshell. It has been encapsulated by this visit," he said.

According to Rekhess the delegation must strive to balance competing interests. "They must try to meet Syrian expectations, although they have not wholeheartedly accepted the Syrian position," he said. "They're not going to stand up in Damascus and support Israeli annexation of the Golan."

At the same time, Rekhess warned that strong words such as those of Ibrahim Nimr Hussein, mayor of Shfaram and head of the delegation, have already provoked the ire of Israeli Jews.

"There has been a tendency by the Jewish public in the last few years to delegitimize the Arab's political role in Israel. Many think that as we approach critical decisions regarding the future of Israel, such as the question of withdrawal on the Golan, Arabs should be excluded from the vote. Those who hold this opinion will now definitely be strengthened in their claim" by the language being heard from Damascus.

Summing up the visit, Rekhess downplayed the delegation's provocative language and focused instead on the trip as a positive sign for Israel. "The Syrians have shown that they want to maintain some kind of momentum, some kind of contact with Israel. They don't want the peace process to be buried altogether. This is how they're keeping it alive."

ROSS

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"We never stopped our efforts. We do not allow anyone to use our land for attacks against anybody. But we said we cannot just arrest everybody just to say we have arrested 500. The Israelis themselves arrested 200, but released 100. We continued our efforts even without meetings But three meetings took place the night of the bombing – in Jericho, at the Erez checkpoint, and in Bethlehem," Abu Rudeineh said.

The mass arrests the government demanded were regarded by the Palestinians anyway as related less to security than to its political calculations to weaken Arafat.

Abu Rudeineh said the absence of Preventive Security chiefs Jibril Rajoub and Mohammed Dahlan from the three-way meeting in Ramallah on Sunday night was no snub. Rajoub had a medical problem. Dahlan was needed in Gaza.

General Security chief Amin Hindi attended the meeting with General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon, Ross, Netanyahu adviser Yitzhak Molho, and CIA officials. Dahlan and Rajoub were also due to attend last night's meetings.

After Moratinos announced that a Swedish counter-terrorism expert would help the PA combat terror, Abu Rudeineh first said: "We don't need anybody to teach us." But he later said: "We welcome European security cooperation."

Explosion rocks Afula

Police are investigating the cause of an explosion at Soldier's House in Afula at about 8:30 last night. There were no injuries or damage.

Police sappers arrived at the scene soon after the explosion and sealed off the area. They ruled out a terrorist attack, and were focusing on a criminal motive – although they were also investigating the possibility it was a prank. *Itim*

The Government of Israel
mourns the death of
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Protest in Gaza and Ramallah

By JON IMMANUEL and news agencies

Thousands of Palestinian protesters marched down Gaza's main street on Monday and in Ramallah thousands more demonstrated as some headed towards IDF troops before being stopped by Palestinian police.

The Gazans demanded Israel free prisoners and and end the 11-day closure.

"Yasser — the leader and the president — we are with you," one sign read, referring to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

In Ramallah, after demonstrators burned the Israeli flag and tires some 40 youths, some Hamas, tried to storm the Israeli checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town, an event which sparked the riots following the Hasmonean Tunnel opening last year. However, Palestinian police held the youths back.

The protest, coinciding with the visit of US special envoy Dennis Ross appeared designed to add a greater sense of urgency to the situation.

Palestinian officials say 3,500 political prisoners remain in Israeli jails.

"No agreement should be reached in the future without the prisoners included," said Palestinian intelligence officer Ziad al-Mashrawi at the protest, in front of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

"If the explosion comes it will paralyse the whole region," said Telecommunications Minister Imad Falouji.



Palestinian demonstrators chant anti-Israel slogans and carry green Hamas flags in Ramallah yesterday. Meanwhile, another protest took place in Gaza with prominent Hamas participation as US efforts to revive the Mideast peace process raised fears of a PA crackdown on the Islamic movements. (AP)

Hamas warns Arafat against "dangerous" crackdown

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

AMMAN – Hamas in Jordan warned Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday that accepting Israeli demands for a crackdown on its supporters could lead to civil war.

"It would be dangerous, not just for him... It would lead to Palestinians fighting Palestinians," Hamas spokesman Ibrahim Ghoshe said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has demanded Arafat crush Islamic radicals in the wake of the Mahane Yehuda bombing while Arafat has resisted these demands. But he is coming under pressure to get tough as the US special envoy Dennis Ross demands a tougher PA stance on terrorism before the US gets involved in pushing forward the stalled peace process.

Arafat says there is no proof Hamas was involved.

Ghoshe said Arafat had been given a list of 30 names of people Israel wanted handed over and a further 150 it wanted arrested.

The crisis between Israel and the PA sparked off a flurry of consultations last week, including a visit to Amman by Arafat during which he met leading Hamas figure Musa Abu Marzook, who was deported from the US to Jordan in May after Israel dropped its extradition charges against him.

Explosion kills one, wounds one

By JON IMMANUEL and Itim

An explosion in a metal welder's shop near Nablus killed one man and wounded another yesterday. The IDF spokesman's office said it was examining the possibility of a bomb factory, but believed that the explosion might also been caused by someone welding the head of an old grenade.

Abdul Jawad Abu Hussein, 50, the man who was killed, was a fruit and vegetable vendor in the village of Hawara. He had used an old cylindrical grenade as a weight, thinking it weighed a kilo. When he found out it only weighed 800 grams, he went to the welder's shop to have 200 grams added to it.

As the welder was working on the grenade, it blew up, apparently from the heat of the torch.

Welder Youssef Hadawi was wounded.

Military sources said last night that in addition to the grenade which exploded, four other parts of explosives were found in the area. However, it was too early to decide whether they were parts of bombs being constructed or of old bombs which had exploded.

The explosion followed reports of bomb factories in the West Bank. One was uncovered in Beit Sahur near Bethlehem after an explosion there shortly before the Mahaneh Yehuda attack. On Friday, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat told his cabinet he had just received word from his security advisers of the discovery of a bomb factory in Kalkilya, but no details were revealed.

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in brief

Boy hurt in home bomb blast

A 12-year-old boy was injured Sunday night when an explosive device he was experimenting with went off. He is in a moderate condition.

The boy, from Nazareth, was making the explosive device late Sunday night and filled it with match heads. At a certain point it detonated, causing him injuries to the abdomen and hand. His mother told police that the boy is "creative," and that this was not his the first time he had been conducting experiments. *Itim*

"Keyhole" surgery guidelines issued

The Health Ministry yesterday issued guidelines on the performance of laparoscopic ("keyhole") surgery after consulting the Israel Surgical Association. A doctor learning the specialty must carry out 20 cholecystectomies (removal of the gall bladder) using laparoscopy in addition to diagnostic laparoscopies. It is also recommended that he does keyhole surgery on his own only after taking part in 20 such procedures under supervision. A surgeon should do advanced laparoscopies involving the esophagus, colon, stomach and other organs only after he has accumulated experience and skills from dozens of simple laparoscopic procedures. *Judy Siegel*

Vilna Gaon's grave desecrated

The Simon Wiesenthal Center yesterday wrote to Lithuanian Ambassador Dr. Romas Misiunas protesting the August 4 desecration of the grave of the Vilna Gaon. Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas condemned the desecration and has ordered justice authorities to seriously investigate it. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Second death from refineries explosion

Salomon Suissa, 44, died Sunday night of wounds he sustained in a gas explosion at the Ashdod oil refineries two weeks ago. His death follows that of Tsuri Tiferet, 45, who was hurt in the same explosion, several days ago.

Suissa and Tiferet were checking a leak in one of the reactors when a large quantity of gas ignited and the flames engulfed them. Tiferet leaped from the platform on which they were standing. He suffered severe head wounds in addition to being burned. Suissa suffered serious burns.

The two underwent several skin transplants in the subsequent days, but died of complications.

Injunction bars physical pressure

High Court Justice Yaacov Kedmi yesterday issued an injunction barring the use of illegitimate physical pressure, such as shaking, against Jaith Hafiz Jaith, a security prisoner in the Russian Compound jail. The decision is to be in effect until his hearing in two weeks. Jaith said that since his arrest a month ago, he has been tied in painful positions, tied to a stool for hours, prevented from sleeping, forced to hear loud music 24 hours a day, and forced under a constant stream of cold air. He was also prevented from seeing a doctor despite complaining of sharp pains, his lawyer said. *Itim*

Anniversary of bombing in Buenos Aires

A special ceremony was held over the weekend at Tel Aviv University to mark the third anniversary of the bombing of the Jewish community building in Buenos Aires, which killed 86 people. Sponsored by the Israel-Argentina Friendship Association and the Argentinian Immigrants Association, the event included the reading aloud of the names of the victims, many of whom were not Jewish.

"I continue to believe that the guilty parties will be punished, because this is what the Argentinian government and the Argentinian people want," Argentinian Ambassador Dr. Jose Otegui said. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

Zionist Congress centennial to be marked in Basel

BASEL (AP) – Switzerland is about to host a major event to mark the origins of Israel, a gesture some Swiss hope will ease the dispute over their nation's wartime ties with Nazi Germany.

Jews from around the world will gather in this northern Swiss city at the end of August to celebrate the centennial of the first Zionist Congress, which laid the foundation for the state of Israel.

Up to 1,500 police and soldiers will be mobilized to provide security for the festivities, which are expected to draw protests by Palestinians and their supporters, who claim that congress organizer Theodore Herzl's dream of a Jewish state has been realized at their expense.

The celebrations, featuring more than 40 different events, are to culminate Aug. 31 with a ceremony attended by top representatives of Jewish organizations and Israeli leaders.

Citing a busy schedule, President Ezer Weizman declined to participate in the ceremonies, triggering speculation that the renewed focus on Switzerland's wartime ties with Nazi Germany had discouraged him from attending.

But Weizman assured Swiss organizers in a letter that Basel, the site of the first congress, "has a very special place in our hearts." He quoted Herzl, who said after the groundbreaking meeting in 1897 that "in Basel, I founded the Jewish state." Swiss officials clearly hope that the jubilee will burnish Switzerland's image abroad.

Highlights will include a two-day symposium on Zionism to be attended by historians from Israel, the United States and Western Europe.

Souvenirs for sale will include the "Herzl necktie," designed by Shlomo Graber, an Auschwitz survivor who lives in Basel. The tie is emblazoned with the Swiss and Israeli flags and a facsimile of Herzl's handwritten appeal: "If we will it, it is no dream."

Cairo sheikh justifies market bombings

By JAY BUSHINSKY

One of Islam's highest theological authorities, the sheikh of Cairo's Al-Azhar university, has justified the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombings on the grounds that they were acts of self-defense.

The Arabic daily *Al-Hayat*, which is published in London, quoted the sheikh's reply to Israeli charges that Egypt's Moslem clerics encourage the Palestinians to resort to violence.

His verbatim answer reportedly was: "I say that you (the Israelis, according to *Al-Hayat*) are the reason for everything that is happening and that when land is stolen and oppression is intensified then anger bristles and explosions occur."

The sheikh reportedly went on to say that Jewish religious personalities were the ones who were oppressing the Palestinians.



Waiting to testify

Three teenagers from England wait outside Tel Aviv District Court yesterday. They and 14 other members of their Israel Experience group, whom Behar Abu-Rabiya, of Nazareth, allegedly attempted to run down with his car in Jaffa on July 22, gave testimony. After he failed to run them down, Abu-Rabiya jumped out of the car wielding a sword and a knife and allegedly wounded with Canadian tourists. The 17 testified yesterday, even though the trial has not yet begun, because they are returning home on Thursday. (Israel Sun)

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Bezeq workers take off today in protest move

By JUDY SIEGEL

Bezeq workers will take off en masse, today, forcing the company to function on a reduced Shabbat schedule. The workers said they would take advantage of the optional day-off for Tisha Be'av.

The workers are protesting against "foot-dragging" in negotiations with the government over the rights of workers, 1,500 of whom will go on early pension in the coming year or two.

"The government is willing to commit itself to only half of the security net of workers' rights that it had agreed to in the past," union head Shlomo Kfir said yesterday. "Even on those things the government is promising, it hasn't given us any guarantees that it will carry out its commitments," Kfir continued. "We've already been through this script of written commitments and then violations of them."

Every day, the workers will decide on sanctions for the next 24 hours, Kfir said. On Thursday, differences of opinion in the Bezeq question will be brought before a joint meeting of Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz.

Itim adds: The Histadrut and public-sector workers' committees will meet tomorrow to decide on retaliatory measures if the government adopts the structural reforms proposed by the Treasury.

The last two days saw disruptions in many ministries and public institutions as some 50,000 public-sector workers took time out to protest the Treasury's decision to cut overtime and social benefits and to bring subcontractors into the public service and privatize some departments, which will result in dismissals.

Thousands of workers from the Ministries of Construction and Housing, Education, Transport, Absorption, Interior, Labor and Social Affairs, as well as the Public Works Department and the National Insurance Institute took part in yesterday's disruptions, refusing to answer phones or open their doors to the public.



Members of the National Religious Party visit the proposed building site in Ras al-Amud yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

HMC regrets inappropriate ad

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Herzliya Medical Center has admitted to poor judgment in advertising its services in a teen magazine with an inappropriate illustration and wording and without mentioning the need for parental consent for treatment.

Dr. Yitzhak Kadman, director of the National Council for the Child, recently sent a letter of protest against the ad to Dr. Boaz Lev, associate director-general of the Health Ministry.

The ad, published in the July 30 issue of *Rosh 1*, shows the nude, long-haired Venus rising from the sea (by Botticelli) and offers a "bat mitzva special" during the summer. Pubescent girls disturbed by inappropriate body hair are invited to have hair removed "painlessly and successfully." The ad also offers "removal of wrinkles, sunspots and agespots, tattoos, bloating around the eyes, and skin defects."

Kadman noted in his letter, copies of which he also distributed to the media, that "it's very odd that a medical institution turns directly to girls in a teen magazine advertisement dealing with such matters. The ad, by the way, does not mention the requirement of parental consent for treatment."

Peter Yoffe of HMC conceded that the ad was inappropriate. "It was a general advertisement used in the general media and not for a teen magazine. We should have produced a special ad for this audience." He noted that no teen is treated at HMC clinics without a parent's presence and written consent.

Yoffe added that he was surprised Kadman had "not merely called us and called our attention to the ad. We would have stopped it on the spot. He never called us, but instead complained to the Health Ministry."

Ateret Cohanim plan to farm land in Abu Dis

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

A plan to farm Jewish-owned land in Abu Dis, just some 50 meters from where the Palestinian Authority is currently building its headquarters, is being pushed by officials of the Ateret Cohanim organization.

The land, 100 dunams (25 acres) at the eastern tip of the area under Jerusalem Municipality jurisdiction, would be farmed by Jews to help "determine the border of Jerusalem," according to Ateret Cohanim director Matti Dan.

A spokeswoman for Ateret Cohanim said the Jerusalem Municipality had declared the land was "for farming only, and not for construction," but that no permit would be necessary to begin farming.

She said Ateret Cohanim has deeds to the land, much of which was bought between 1920-30 by a group of Jews, and some of which is owned by Irving Moskowitz, the Miami Jewish developer who is seeking to build in Ras al-Amud. Some of the land is still held by the custodian-general, Dan said.

"From a political aspect, as time goes by it's harder to create facts on the ground," Dan said at the site. "Once the Palestinian Authority is already inside its headquarters, if we come up here, what will they say? That we're seeking a provocation. They won't let us pass... We should start to organize a group of people now which will start working the land."

No comment was available from Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan. A Jerusalem Municipality spokeswoman confirmed no special permit is needed to work plots zoned as agricultural land.

A group of National Religious Party secretariat members visited the site yesterday, after first touring Ras al-Amud. The government has suspended plans to build there for the time being because of security considerations.

Party secretary-general Zevulun Orlev, standing in front of the plot where Moskowitz hopes to build, said: "We came here to remind the government and the State of Israel that this area is still standing empty. It is Jewish land, since the beginning of the century... There is no intention to build and settle it at the expense of other people, or chase anyone else away, but simply to realize our natural right, which Jews in Jerusalem have, to build a new neighborhood on their own land.

"We all know there is such a thing as the right time, but there are those who use the idea of the right time not to build at all," he said. "They say: 'We must look for the proper time,' but essentially they're saying: 'There will never be a proper time.' When we say this, and I propose that we say there has to be a proper time, we mean that it should be found as soon as possible."

He added that a Jewish presence at the site would also block plans to create a corridor from Abu Dis via Ras al-Amud and Silwan to the Temple Mount, just 300 meters away.

Noting that the site is adjacent to the Mt. of Olives cemetery, where 150,000 Jews are buried, including his mother and sister, Orlev said: "If one can be buried here, one can also live here."

Rahel Sylvetsky, chairman of Emunah Israel, said the government's decision to delay construction "was obviously politically motivated. This is Jewish land, it belongs to Jews, it's meant for building, and there's no reason why we just shouldn't go ahead and do it.

"Right now there are a lot of pressures on [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu, so sometimes he gives in to them. We're here to show him that we're behind him, he should be strong, and he should get moving."

Substances in Yarkon deaths still unknown

By LIAT COLLINS

It is still unclear what substances in the Yarkon River caused the deaths of Australian Maccabiah team members. The Environment Ministry yesterday said further laboratory tests show that MLO, the anti-mosquito pesticide sprayed in the river just before the collapse of the footbridge last month, was not found in the specimens of liquid taken from the lungs of the victims.

Previous tests have shown that the concentration of heavy metals in the waters of the Yarkon and the sludge on the river bed is also too low to be responsible for the deaths.

These results conflict with the assessments of several doctors and scientists who said MLO was responsible and that the tragedy could have been avoided by using biological alternatives to the pesticide.

Samples of the water and sludge showed various oils, including benzene and kerosene, but a ministry spokesman said they could have come from the containers close to the banks and from the drainage from nearby roads.

The tests on the sludge showed the presence of an agricultural herbicide – chlordane alachor – used by farmers in the area to kill weeds. It has a low solubility level and is highly durable.

Tests carried out by the Health Ministry and handed over to the Yarkon River Authority showed low concentrations of bacteria.

The Environment Ministry is still waiting for final tests results from labs both here and in the US which could show substances in the water possibly related to the injuries and deaths. Doctors both here and in Australia have expressed frustration at not yet knowing the composition of the substances found in the river, as it is critical in determining the treatment of the victims.

Environment Minister Rafael Eitan said yesterday he will demand a special budget to deal with river pollution. The compensation the government has to pay following the disaster and in case of a future tragedy justifies a special budget to clean the waterways and turn them into pleasant attractions instead of a threat, he said Eitan.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW MICHAL YUDELMAN

The problem is mutual distrust

The main problem with starting the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, Dan Margalit wrote in *Ha'aretz* yesterday, is not the opening positions of each side, but the mutual distrust which increases "from terrorist attack to closure, from humiliation to hurling insults."

The basic assumption of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is that the other side is involved in deception. Each one feels time is working against him and is trying to set faits accomplis. Special US envoy Dennis Ross must therefore deal not only with resuming security cooperation, but with creating conditions to uproot the harmful feeling that time is working against either side.

Ha'aretz's Akiva Eldar's American sources tell him that while Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is leaning heavily on Arafat, Netanyahu will not have it so easy himself. Albright left no room for doubt as to the firmness and determination of the US demands on Israel. Ross received a mandate to demand firm action against terrorism from Arafat, and a halt in the construction of the settlements and Har Homa from Netanyahu.

The Americans keep saying that a few days before the terrorist attack they were under the impression that Netanyahu was willing to halt the construction for a whole month, says Eldar. Netanyahu's office denies this. "Perhaps, like in the Bar-On Affair, Netanyahu is suffering from a lapse of memory," he suggests.

The US administration did not have to lower its expectations of Ross's visit this time. The Israeli government has done so already, writes MK Yossi Beilin in *Yediot Aharonot*.

Netanyahu has persuaded the world that Arafat is not a partner for peace talks; the investors have been convinced that Israel is no place to do business; and the tourists got the message that they have nothing to look for here. The immigrants understood that a country of zero growth is not such a good idea and prefer to go elsewhere, and the Europeans and Americans understood that the peace process is over. The Foreign Ministry is idle, and the world tells us it cannot want peace more than the sides themselves.

The last time we had such a "success," notes Beilin, "we needed an American airlift and German ports to survive, and even they did not bring back to life some 3,000 young men who sacrificed their life on the altar of our collective arrogance and idiocy."

Eliminate the Orthodox monopoly

Ha'aretz's editorial addresses the problem, raised by the newspaper's weekend expose, that a significant number of the new immigrants from the former Soviet Union are not Jewish, or are not considered such by Halacha.

The real problem is the contradiction between the Law of Return, a national law defining the Zionist character of Israel as a Jewish state, and Halacha, which adheres to outdated definitions. This contradiction affects the attitude toward the immigrants and leads to depriving many of them of some of their rights. Tens, if not hundreds of thousands are not eligible to be married in Israel or be buried in a dignified manner, despite the fact that the Law of Return "ensures" them full civil rights.

The way to ensure their rights is the elimination of the Orthodox religious establishment's monopoly on matrimonial matters. If reality is incompatible with the laws, the laws must be changed, not reality, and this includes the Halacha-based laws, which, says *Ha'aretz*, are incompatible with the reality in which Jewish communities live in the world.

In the footsteps of Tony Blair

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak is in the process of effecting a revolution in the party, to turn it into a lean, efficient body, writes Shalom Yerushalmi in *Ma'ariv*.

His reforms include bolstering party branches and setting up a country-wide network ensuring constant contact with the voters and whittling the party down to three sections: administration, elections, and information. The latter idea Barak picked up from British Prime Minister Tony Blair, whom Barak visited a month and a half ago, says Yerushalmi.

The question is whether Barak will find the formula, which Binyamin Netanyahu did not, to have the party serve his goals, but enable the others to survive as well and build them up as candidates for the next Knesset.

Let Lieberman go

Netanyahu must relieve Avigdor Lieberman of his duties as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, since he does not believe in his boss's policy and acts openly against it, states *Yediot Aharonot*'s Mati Golan.

Golan writes about Lieberman's racist attitude toward Arabs, and quotes his statement: "I don't like chasing and flattering Arabs, including Jordanians, Egyptians, all of them.'" This attitude is restricted to Arabs, in contrast to Americans, Italians, or Indians, with whom Lieberman has no problem shaking hands or going to their cocktail parties.

Golan points out that Lieberman, who accuses Israeli society of racism because it treats all Russian immigrants the same, implies that as far as he's concerned, all Arabs are the same. Lieberman's idea of flattering Arabs, says Golan, is going to cocktail parties in Arab embassies and shaking hands with Arab leaders. The last time Lieberman avoided such flattery was when the Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan visited Netanyahu. Lieberman reportedly went to his barber at the time.

"Had he been a proud person and not only a proud Jew, after having his hair cut he should have gone home and stayed there. For by sitting in the seat of the prime minister's director-general, Lieberman is betraying himself and his position. The main reason he is paid his wages is to help the prime minister carry out his policy. Netanyahu's declared policy is to accept the Oslo Accords and to continue the peace process. Implementing this policy involves meeting Arab leaders," explains Golan.

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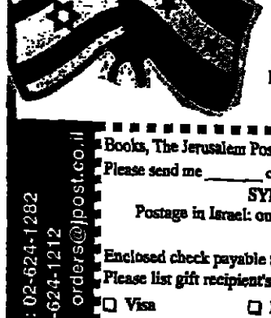
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US threatens to arrest Karadzic

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BELGRADE, Serbia – US envoy Richard Holbrooke yesterday warned President Slobodan Milosevic of rump Yugoslavia that the Clinton administration is prepared to arrest Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, who has been accused of war crimes by the UN tribunal in The Hague, unless he withdraws completely from political life.

NATO drew up plans several months ago for an operation to capture Karadzic. One approach would involve NATO troops providing an outer ring of security, while specially trained commandos made the arrest, the *Financial Times* said.

Karadzic is guarded by more than 1,000 Bosnian Serb paramilitary fighters, and any operation to seize him would require the cooperation of France, which controls the sector of Bosnia where he is based. It might also need the tacit approval of Milosevic, who is thought to fear a Karadzic trial in case details of his own complicity in the Bosnian war come to light.

The Bosnian Serbs' special police and anti-terrorist units – considered Karadzic's "private army" – were declared to be under NATO control from last Friday. That means they could be disbanded or confined to their bases.

On Saturday, NATO soldiers visited a base of special police thought to be loyal to Karadzic under a new policy aimed at bringing the Serb officers under tighter control.

The move appeared to be aimed at narrowing Karadzic's freedom of movement near his stronghold in Pale. It is uncertain what effect the policy will have.

The visit followed an announcement Friday in which NATO officials said special police units would be subject to the same restrictions imposed on army units under the Dayton peace agreement. Civilian policing, in contrast, is supervised by unarmed international police monitors.

Maj. Mike Moran, a spokesman for the peace force in the northern town of Banja Luka, said troops visited a Serb base at nearby Rakovicke Bare.

"SFOR officers will be visiting facilities staffed by special police forces to personally notify police officials of the new policy," he said.

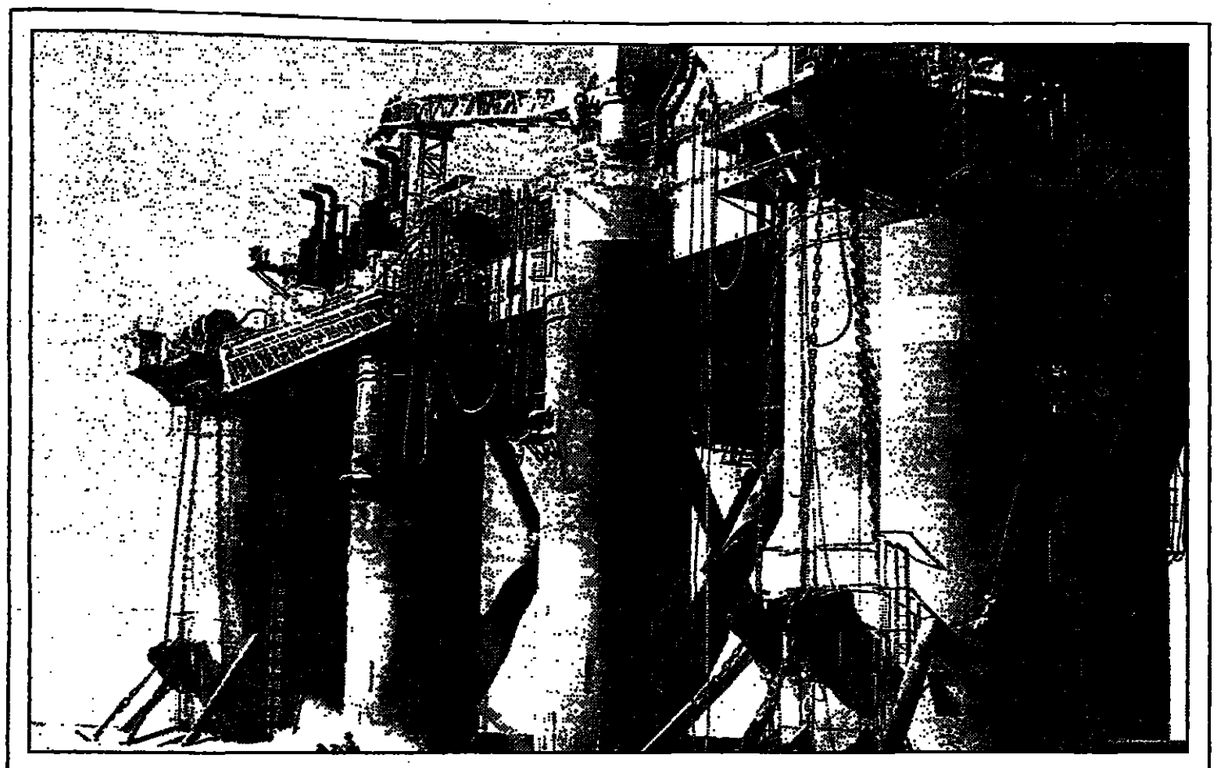
The Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA quoted police Maj.-Gen. Goran Saric as characterizing the visit as a routine inspection that uncovered no illegal weapons.

Independent Belgrade media say the Serb force numbers about 3,000 men, and about 200 are directly engaged in protecting Karadzic. Regular police and military personnel are poorly armed and paid, but the special police fare much better.

Not only do they protect Karadzic, they are also thought to intimidate residents of the Serb republic and refugees who want to return to their homes in the Serb republic.

International officials say the move is intended to push the special police into routine duties, and eventually break up their units.

However, it is unclear whether it will allow them to weaken Karadzic's defenses. Karadzic also is protected by bodyguards, and his special police defenders may simply slip into civilian life and remain informally organized. Although the peace force may ban that, they would be hard to track down and control.



Oil drilling protest

Greenpeace activists board a drilling platform chartered by BP at the Foinhaven drilling site in the Atlantic frontier. The large, mobile platform, called the Steena Dee, came from Norway and was due to attach oil pipes to the manifold. Greenpeace hopes to prevent oil exploration in the Atlantic frontier and wants governments to set a ceiling on the use of fossil fuels. (AP)



Column One

Building bridges to the 13th century

By Thomas O'Dwyer

The "Stans" have not been doing so well since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

That is how international relations gurus refer to the group of Central Asian republics whose names end in stan – Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan. There is also Afghanistan - but that's not a former Soviet republic, despite the best efforts of Leonid Brezhnev's army of occupation.

Forgotten by much of the world and overshadowed by Russia and Ukraine, the states usually stagger into the headlines only when there is trouble. This week, Tajikistan is obliging.

Forces of the Tajik president have been in action against a mutinous army commander. Yesterday, the president's men said they had retaken an important aluminium-producing center from the warlord.

Russia already has 20,000 peacekeeping troops in this fractious republic.

Needless to say, its enthusiasm for getting involved in another war with wild men of the mountains is nil.

This weekend's fighting has come just a few weeks after Tajikistan's four-year civil war between President Imomali Rakhmonov and his Islamic enemies was formally declared over in a peace-signing ceremony.

It was another of those wishful-thinking ceremonies. Various warlords have carved up much of the country. Skirmishes were fought in the capital, Dushanbe, on Sunday. Rag-tag rebels with Islamic green headbands screeched though the suburbs in rickety vehicles mouthing incomprehensible slogans and waving the inevitable AK-47s.

The colorful bazaar stalls vanished behind steel shutters and wiser citizens vanished behind their shuttered homes.

Absurd

In the group of Central Asian republics the suffix stan means nothing more obscure than "land." Each state is the traditional homeland of the main tribal group it takes its name from. That is why referring to them collectively as "the Stans" is one of the more absurd pieces of diplomatic shorthand.

Despite being grouped together east of the Caspian Sea and north of the Iran-Afghan borders, they are very different countries. Kazakhstan, north of all the others, is the giant of the group with a population of 17 million spread over 2.7 million square kilometers. Tajikistan covers a mere 143,000 sq. km. and is home to 5 million people.

Outside Central Asia, there probably are few ordinary citizens who could find any of the Stans on a map. Foreign businesspeople who head into their hinterlands in search of trade are regarded as visionaries, fools, adventurers, or simply mad – depending on the observer's standpoint.

Afghan syndrome

Because of the mental association with Afghanistan, all the Stans generate vague impressions of bandit lands, the Wild East, tribal warrior Moslems.

And so, as this week, only when there is big trouble does some small news filter to the faraway world.

Tajikistan may be one of the smallest of the Central Asians – about the size of Illinois – but it is one of the most troublesome.

It is one of those places where diplomats and foreign correspondents curse their luck and wonder what they did to upset their foreign minister or editor. ("They've put Anderson on a plane to Somethingstan. Ha ha!") Nearly 95 percent of Tajikistan is mountainous. It is an earthquake zone.

Since it broke away from the collapsing Soviet empire, it has mainly been engaged in breaking up itself in what looks like an infection of the Afghan or Yemen syndrome.

The republic is going feudal – carved into independent fiefs by an ever increasing number of armed bandits.

The victors who claim to have won back the aluminium center this weekend profess nominal loyalty to Rakhmonov's tottering presidency. Like the opposing warlords, they are not linked to the Islamic opposition which signed the peace treaty in June. The opposition and government are attempting a complex power-sharing arrangement which is really another carve-up.

Excessive

The new fighting is said to have started because a warlord's uncle was killed. As a Western diplomat told a news agency, tanks and rockets seem a bit excessive for a family feud.

Indeed it is. This is a war of robber barons carving up a toothless central government. President Rakhmonov said as much (without of course admitting himself toothless). He said that behind the new violence is the rival warlords and crime syndicates battling for turf and "trade" routes – Afghanistan meets Chicago.

The conflict in Tajikistan is just the latest to throw the spanner in the works of modern progress. Apart from the rockets and tanks, there is something timeless about such conflicts which would be recognized by visitors from the middle ages.

It is all very well to talk of Mars exploration and the Microsoft-wired 21st-century future in the comfortable cafes of Paris or New York – or even of Moscow and Beijing – but there remains another world out there.

Large swathes of humanity remain locked in that feudal world of tribal territory, fundamentalist religion, dreams of conflict and booty – building bridges to the 13th century.

There seems little that education, television, foreign meddling, the United Nations, or Bill Gates can do about it.

Tabloids drool over Di's new affair

By HELEN SMITH

LONDON (Reuters) – Britain's royalty-obsessed tabloid newspapers drooled over Princess Diana's apparent new romance with millionaire film producer Dodi Fayed yesterday and declared the couple a perfect love match.

Diana's relationship with the 41-year-old son of controversial Harrods department store boss Mohammed Al Fayed may be just a few weeks old, but newspapers confidently predicted a wedding and compared the match to Jackie Kennedy's marriage to Aristotle Onassis.

Papers declared that, like Jackie, Diana needs a wealthy husband who can provide her with the high life she craves while sheltering her from the media clamor that follows her every move.

Dodi, a veteran of the international jet set, could offer the fashion-loving Princess that and much more.

"Glamorous, passionate, attention-seeking: they are made for each other," Lynda Lee-Potter wrote in the *Daily Mail* of the reported love match.

Fayed has previously dated a string of film stars including Brooke Shields, "so he's used to highly-strung, tricky women," declared Lee-Potter.

His good relationship with his "overbearing" father "must mean that he is tactful, non-confrontational and emollient, albeit a little weak," she added.

In short, he is nothing like Britain's heir to the throne Prince Charles, from whom Diana was divorced last year after a blighted 15-year marriage.

Unlike Charles, Fayed would not resent Diana's passion for the limelight, and her ability to claim it, and he appears to be genuinely in love with her, Lee-Potter said.

For Fayed, Diana offered not only her famed good looks but an opportunity to cock a snook at the British establishment which has long spurned his family.

Mohammed Al Fayed, one of the richest men in the world, has had homes in Britain for 30 years but his requests for a British passport were repeatedly turned down by successive Conservative governments.

Cambodia's monarch offers to resign

BEIJING (Reuters) – Cambodia's King Norodom Sihanouk has said he is ready to abdicate as soon as he is sure that the country's leader, Second Prime Minister Hun Sen, will not criticize him for doing so.

"I am ready to abdicate as soon as it will be possible for me to do so," Sihanouk wrote in a private letter to his biographer sent to news agencies yesterday. "My letter of abdication... has already been drafted by me for more than one week."

He said he was only waiting for signals or assurances from Hun Sen that he could abdicate without risk of being criticized by him or being accused of exacerbating the difficulties of the Cambodian people.

Sihanouk, a constitutional monarch who reigns but does not rule, said he would hold a private meeting with Hun Sen and his new co-premier, Ung Huot, this morning at his residence in Beijing.

Hun Sen and Ung Huot were due to arrive yesterday in the Chinese capital, where Sihanouk is receiving medical treatment, to seek his political blessing.

"Our meeting will be of private and non-political nature," Sihanouk said in a faxed statement.

Hun Sen toppled his original co-premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh, Sihanouk's son, last month. The king's approval is the last hurdle in his push to legitimize his power-grab.

Sihanouk has not tried to block Hun Sen since he seized sole power. He has said acting head of state Chea Sim could sign decrees on the king's behalf, including the appointment of Foreign Minister Ung Huot as first premier in place of Ranariddh.

However Sihanouk has indicated his disapproval of the political upheavals, saying in comments issued late last week that he still recognized Ranariddh as first prime minister.

"I have to say that we have three prime ministers – one in forced exile, one a 'puppet,' and the real master of Cambodia today," he said. "This is a fait accompli that I cannot ignore."

Political analysts in Cambodia say Hun Sen, who needs the king's blessing to consolidate his position domestically and internationally, might not get what he wants in his first meeting with Sihanouk since his coup.

"Sihanouk is the last step for Hun Sen. He has to get that legitimacy but he's hitting a brick wall and that's the king," said one analyst.

The king has said he would not be a player in his country's current political "comedy" because his views differ radically from those of the people in power. He said he is powerless to intervene.

The king is still revered by many Cambodians, and diplomats said one of Hun Sen's biggest worries is that Sihanouk will return to Cambodia and challenge him for power.

Meanwhile, Ranariddh said he understood his father's offer to abdicate as an expression of disapproval of Hun Sen's power grab in Phnom Penh.

"It is clear that it must be that the king as father of the Cambodian people cannot be happy with the coup d'etat, with the very serious setback for human rights and serious violation of human rights, and with the political situation and political instability," he told a news conference.

IRAN

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Khatami has not publicly discussed his ministerial choices, although newspapers have speculated widely on the cabinet list.

The daily *Hamshahri* said Khatami had chosen conservative cleric and parliament deputy Qorbanali Dorri-Najafabadi as intelligence minister. If confirmed, the move would be an important concession by Khatami to his opponents.

The newspaper said Khatami was insisting on picking Iran's ambassador to the United Nations Kamal Kharrazi as foreign minister and vice-president Ataollah Mohajerani as culture minister, choices strongly opposed by conservatives.

Other press reports said Mohajerani, widely attacked for having advocated direct talks with the United States in 1990, was no longer a candidate.

Khatami's list also included Abdollah Nouri, a leader of a pro-Khatami group of radical clerics who have moderated their views in recent years, as interior minister, Hamshahri said.

The pro-Khatami newspaper said the 54-year-old cleric had also selected the outgoing energy minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh as oil minister and Hossein Namazi as economy and finance minister, a post he had held in the 1980s.

Iranian newspapers, many of which are run by political factions, have carried fierce commentary in recent days on who should be in Khatami's cabinet and on the relative powers of the presidency and the parliament in deciding appointments.

"Khatami may well be a cultured, respected man but he will very much have to have all the skills of a fox to work round his opponents and deliver on his election pledges," said another foreign diplomat based in Teheran.

Newspapers said opposition by conservatives and entrenched revolutionaries had already forced Khatami to drop Tehran's reformist mayor Gholamhossein Karbaschi, a key backer, from even being proposed for full cabinet rank.

"Men like Karbaschi who carried out major changes in this city are just too hot to handle for some of those in parliament backed by the powerful merchants," the foreign diplomat said.

Analysts said compromise by Khatami on key cabinet positions could shape and even hamper any future attempts to push through change and breathe fresh life into the 18-year-old Islamic revolutionary state.

"The main offices of the cabinet may be out of his hands. Then there will be very little he can do as a president but bring limited changes in social affairs," said one analyst.

Khatami was elected on the back of Iran's large youth vote, women and its growing middle classes who saw in him a chance of introducing more social freedoms such as a relaxation of restrictive dress codes and legalizing satellite dishes for foreign television programs.

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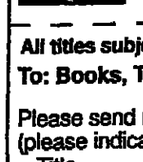
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The other bulldozers

As the dispute over Har Homa indicates, the movement of bulldozers can have a dramatic effect on public debate. The bulldozers that moved on Thursday night did not, however, trigger a new round in Arab-Israeli dispute. Rather, they highlighted the very Israeli struggle between archeologists, developers, and the haredi community over ancient Jewish gravesites.

Sometime around midnight, bulldozers from Jerusalem's municipal development company Moriah plowed under several first- and second-century graves at an archeological site in northern part of the city. The site was located in the middle of the planned route of Road No. 1, a major artery linking Jerusalem's northern neighborhoods to the center of the city.

According to archeologists, the site is located just below the biblical Givat Shaul, where King Saul was anointed. Some of the graves that were plowed under included tablets of a type never before found in Jerusalem, and perhaps also glass objects and jewelry.

The construction company claimed it had received verbal permission from the Antiquities Authority and the haredi Association for Prevention of Grave Desecration, both of which vehemently denied giving such permission. Jerusalem District Archeologist Gideon Avni charged Moriah with an "act of deliberate destruction."

It is simply unacceptable that any construction company would, in half an hour, deliberately destroy ancient remains that had survived for 2,000 years. Not only should the company be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, but the law itself should be examined in light of its clear lack of deterrent effect.

Increasing the punishment for destroying the nation's heritage and desecrating ancient Jewish graves, though evidently necessary, does not address a more common aspect of the problem, namely, the running battle between science, development, and religion over Israel's patrimony.

The main debate is over what should happen in the common occurrence of a development project running into ancient remains. In this case, the law requires the contractor to notify the Antiquities Authority, which excavates the site as necessary and documents the findings. If there is any suspicion that the site includes graves, the battle is on between haredim, who insist that the site remain untouched, and the archeologists, who want to learn from and preserve or record what is found.

Over the years, the haredi protests against archeological excavations have reached a fever pitch – including personal threats against archeologists – and resulted in the shelving of a number of development projects.

Antiquities Authority head Amir Drori takes offense at the haredi charge that archeologists are responsible for desecrating graves. "What I can't understand is why they accuse us of destroying graves," Drori says angrily. "We are saving them. They should be giving us a medal, not cursing us." He gives examples of numerous times when archeologists stepped in and removed graves that would have been destroyed by building projects.

The irony here is that the archeologists and the haredim both generally share a respect for human graves and should be working together to prevent unscrupulous contractors from simply plowing under remains. This current case, in which the contractor allegedly plowed through an area that was slated for excavation, is essentially unprecedented. The much more common threat both to archeology and of grave desecration is contractors who simply do not report any finds, in violation of the law, in order to save the expense and delay of an excavation.

Archeologists dread the growing political influence of haredim in this area, and expect that the current law will be changed to provide for some religious representation at all excavations. In principle, there should be a way to minimize the imposition on scientific inquiry and development, while maximizing the respect for human remains.

Jewish law does recognize a balance in the interests of the living and the dead. It provides, for example, for moving a cemetery that is impinged upon by the growth of a city. Though the haredim may be gaining the upper hand in what has become a political struggle, both sides have an interest in recognizing and accommodating each other's legitimate interests. The alternative will be to the liking of neither the scientific nor religious communities: the quiet, illegal destruction of what both hold dear by those who care about neither.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES

Sir, – In his article of July 25, "How not to make decisions," Moshe Arens states: "Ever since the Founding Fathers of the United States framed the Constitution of that country, it has been the accepted norm in democratic societies...."

My response is not to the overall thrust of the article, but to the introduction quoted above. I am not an American. To my eyes, those words are so much narrow-minded patriotism. Who, besides Americans, claims that the American system of government is fairer, safer and more democratic than all the other countries which pride themselves on their own different democratic systems?

Perhaps Moshe Arens has never heard the phrase that America is governed by the best government that money can buy.

In Australia, where I come from, our elections are decided by complicated elimination systems. Voting is compulsory. Only elected members of Parliament can hold cabinet positions. The prime minister is the leader of the majority party in Parliament. How different can you be? Yet I have never heard an Australian claim that the system there is, or should be, the "accepted norm of all democracies."

Save us from this latest American take-over!

MARGARET GOTTSTEIN
Jerusalem.

ISRAEL SOFTBALL

Sir, – *The Jerusalem Post* must be complimented on its excellent coverage of the 15th Maccabiah Games. I would especially like to thank you for your extensive softball coverage.

In your article of July 23, Richard Duffy and Eli Pinchovski stated "the Israel team did not help its cause by benching its starters, a sign of the apparent malaise that fell upon the team after losing the semifinal to Mexico and having to face the powerhouse USA for the bronze."

This is patently not true. Seven of the nine starters in that game had been starters in previous games, or were starters in the practice games that led up to the Maccabiah competition. Assuredly, there was no malaise that fell upon the team. We were trying a fresh approach to beat a team we had just lost to a few days earlier when we used a more veteran lineup.

We are a solid contingent of competitors. We have played in international tournaments since 1994, and are headed to the Netherlands next month to participate in the European championships.

We look forward to a whole new young team of players raised playing ball in Israel.

DR. BURT FAUDEM,
President,
Israel Softball Association
Hashmonaim.

POETRY CONTEST

Sir, – Voices: The Israel English Poetry Association, in proud keeping with its principle to encourage the writing of English poetry everywhere, is celebrating its eighth international poetry contest in memory of Reuben Rose, founder of the largest English-speaking poetry group in Israel.

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MIKE SCHEIDEMANN,
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THE MISSIONARY LAW

Sir, – What I have found most disillusioning about the ongoing protests by Christians against the proposed law prohibiting enticement to people to change their religion, is that you have received letters protesting against the bill from Christians resident in Israel who have a long and distinguished record of support for it; whose actions bespeak an outpouring of love for the people who have suffered so long and so much from Christian efforts to convert them.

Though I personally know some of them, and have hitherto regarded them as entirely altruistic, their protests have destroyed this confidence in the purity of their intentions.

Israel was founded as a Jewish State. It is the only country in the entire Middle East where missionaries can carry on their work freely, whether personally or by unsolicited mail. To suggest that limiting this freedom is a threat to democracy, or freedom of speech or opinion, is nothing short of a travesty of logic, and an abuse of hospitality.

MEIR ABELSON
Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On August 12, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that by a vote of 304 to 158 the 20th Zionist Congress meeting in Zurich empowered the new Zionist Executive to negotiate with the British Government on the terms upon which a Jewish State was to be established. The Congress noted that the evolution of Palestine into a Jewish State was inherent in the Balfour Declaration and reaffirmed the readiness of the Yishuv to reach a peaceful settlement with Arabs.

50 years ago: On August 12, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine continued to visit Displaced Persons camps in Europe. It witnessed the camps' difficult conditions and was deeply impressed by the virtual unanimity of Jewish refugees in their desire to go to Palestine.

Alexander Zvielli



Jamming the Voice of Palestine

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

The sense of outrage caused by some of the items broadcast on the Voice of Palestine is certainly justifiable.

Israel cannot be expected to sit back in silence as the VoP broadcasts what appears to be incitement to violence or "religious" messages such as the one transmitted on July 11: "Oh God, destroy America, for it is ruled by Zionist Jews... Allah will avenge, in the name of his prophet, the colonialist settlers who are the sons of apes and pigs..."

The fact that the latter item was broadcast soon after Tatiana Susskind distributed her cartoon showing the prophet Mohammed in the form of a pig, stepping on the Koran, explains the background to the venomous words, but does not justify them.

We do not know whether the VoP knew in advance what the preacher was going to say in his sermon, nor whether – if it was pre-recorded – someone bothered to listen to what had been said before deciding to broadcast it. However, just as the Israel Broadcasting Authority decided, back in the 1980s, to restrict its reporting about the activities of Rabbi Meir Kahane in order to avoid giving him even an indirect platform for his words of incitement, so one would expect the VoP to be a little more vigilant – assuming that those who run the VoP have not decided to harness their station to the cause of killing the peace process.

One of the government's first decisions after the terrorist attack in Mahaneh Yehuda was to jam the broadcasts of the VoP. However, it seems that no one checked whether the broadcasts could actually be jammed, or who would implement the decision and what the practical results of its implementation would be. As it turned out, it soon transpired that the VoP's AM broadcasts cannot effectively be jammed because its transmitters are too strong; and the IDF didn't feel that it was its job to jam the broadcasts, even though it regularly monitors them and is far from pleased with their content.

No one checked whether it could actually be done or what the practical results would be

Despite the technical problems and the IDF's reservations, jamming of the VoP broadcasts did apparently begin last Saturday. Palestinian sources in Gaza announced that, especially between 3 and 4 p.m. (the hour during which people send regards to Palestinian prisoners and detainees in Israel) the reception was inexplicably bad.

ONE is left wondering what this policy seeks to achieve.

Does anyone really believe that jamming the VoP will stop frustrated young Palestinians from volunteering to act as human bombs, or that it will weaken the militants? Is the jamming of broadcasts really expected to prevent a single act of terror?

Are our policy-makers trying to prove to the Palestinians that their limited independence is totally meaningless – as the Palestinian opponents of the Oslo process argue – and that they do not even have control over their own broadcasting services? Are they trying to strengthen the deep-seated belief amongst most Palestinians that Netanyahu is simply seeking excuses to kill the Oslo process?

Not even sophisticated Palestinians can see any connection between the terrorist attack in Mahaneh Yehuda and the jamming of the radio broadcasts, which is seen as just one more Israeli attempt to humiliate the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian people.

If our decision-makers were really seeking to ensure that VoP broadcasts serve the cause of peace – and there is no question that the VoP could do much more in this direction – wouldn't an attempt to meet with its directors to discuss the problems be more productive? I know some of the Palestinians involved, and I believe that if only we agreed to sit down and discuss the issue on the basis of mutuality (the Palestinians too have some long-standing complaints about how we present certain issues connected with the peace process) progress could be made.

But apparently no one in our government thinks in such terms. The government continues to act as if it really and truly believes that "force is the only thing the Palestinians understand," and therefore the only effective policy is to bully them. A government, whose justice minister thought two years ago, when the Likud was still in opposition, that he could effectively fight against the Oslo process by cutting off the prime minister's microphones in the midst of a rally, is certainly capable of thinking that jamming the VoP is an effective way to deal with the phenomenon of terrorism.

The writer is a political scientist.

We need a tribal bonfire

YITZHAK HERZOG

The government adopted the bulk of the recommendations of the Peled Committee Report on broadcasting in Israel on Sunday. The report was submitted three months ago and was adopted by its initiator, Communications Minister Limor Livnat. However, due to objections raised by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, the government did not discuss it until this week.

The government decision entails a compromise reached between the ministers, and bears in mind an additional report, due to be issued in the coming weeks, by the Zukerman Committee, headed by former Israel Broadcasting Authority (IBA) head Prof. Amnon Zukerman. This report will focus on the future of public broadcasting, with particular reference to the IBA and Educational Television. It will deal mainly with their financing.

In fact, given that the two committees are intertwined, it would have been advisable for the government to desist from making decisions until its review of the Zukerman Report.

This is basically the crux of the dispute between ministers Livnat and Hammer. The latter objected to Livnat's request that the government immediately adopt the Peled Report, stating, inter alia, that he believes the future of public broadcasting includes the educational channel as a major element in the broadcasting map and, as such, must be studied very carefully.

Livnat however believes that the Peled Committee offers adequate solutions to the question of the future of local broadcasting. I am of the opinion that the debate should run much deeper than mere technicalities and should be a public priority in the coming weeks.

The Peled Committee, headed by General (Res.) Yossi Peled, indeed issued a comprehensive report. The report concludes that the Israeli broadcasting scene includes outdated anomalies and incoherent policies which limit the public's freedom to utilize the broadcasting network. The report would give local broadcasters rights comparable to those of the media publishing world, in which

Should public broadcasting reflect society's divisions?

newspaper licenses are given out freely, and with limited scrutiny. The report adopts the "open skies" policy of most Western democracies and goes on to differentiate between carriers and broadcasters.

THE report recommends major changes in the structure of Channel 2, cable television and local radio stations, and establishment of an additional TV channel. It also calls for the free broadcast of news by any of the above, subject to basic limitations and adherence to a code of ethics. One may doubt whether all of the recommendations can be implemented in the foreseeable future.

One main observation of the Peled Report, with which I tend to disagree, touches on the very sensitive question of our social fabric. This lies at the heart of the debate between the ministers of education and communication. The committee claims unequivocally that the Israeli public is heterogenous and therefore there is no need for a broadcasting tool to serve as a "tribal bonfire" to expose segments of society to each other.

The report basically encourages a segmented electronic media. Ideologically it intends to address the rights of the various segments of society. But does it? And is this the right attitude?

Do we want to increase social gaps by creating separate villages of information? Does this mean that the state cannot and should not create and support common broadcasting tools such as educational TV?

An important question not covered by the Peled Report is how to prevent the qualitative deterioration of our electronic media. This could be done by encouraging the imminent flood of broadcasters.

In this respect it is interesting to note a dissenting view by a committee member who suggested that every license to broadcast be conditional on the quality promised. The majority of the committee, however, suggested it be left to market forces. Ratings will therefore be the key factor and will most probably lower the quality of the broadcasts.

This is all the more reason to ensure the existence of public broadcasting. One can only hope that the Zukerman Report deals with this question in a convincing way.

The government and the Knesset should pay careful attention to the matters at stake. Their decisions might have an enormous impact on our society and future generations.

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POSTSCRIPT

ONCE, REIKO was a good dog. But after the police dog bit officers once too often, he was kicked off the force.

"He's never bitten a citizen and he's never bitten a crook. It's always been an officer," said Chief Bob Jones of the Grand Falls, Montana, force.

The trouble started during a 1994 standoff with a shooting suspect. Police planned to send Reiko into an apartment to disarm the suspect. When police failed to bust open the door, Reiko bit an officer on the thigh.

Most recently, Reiko bit an officer during a training mission.

"Reiko sees it as a threat whenever anybody crosses in front of him," a policeman explained. "He's taking the action he thinks is appropriate. Unfortunately, that's biting us."

Biker tigers

GWYNNE DYER

"We should not beg for help from foreign capitalists. but improve management and policy-making so as to serve the interests of the national economy and create conditions to compete with developed capitalist economies."

A slogan from a Stalin-era Soviet Communist Party Congress approving another 5-Year Plan? An exhortation from some Little Red Book-waving fanatic during China's Cultural Revolution?

No. It was said in early July by Nguyen Van Linh, head of the Vietnamese Communist Party from 1986 to 1991 and the 'father' of the reforms that started Vietnam down the road to a market economy. And Linh, now 82, would not condemn 'unfair' competition by foreign investors and urge the government to protect local industry without the backing of powerful figures in the regime.

On the surface, Vietnam's opening to the outside world is still official policy. Post-modern office blocks and hotels have erupted in both Hanoi and Saigon (officially renamed 'Ho Chi Minh City', but that's as futile as trying to rename Bombay 'Mumbai'). The rush-hour crowds that surge through both cities still move on a tide of bicycles, but the steady 8 percent annual economic growth seems to justify the optimistic phrase 'tiger on a bicycle'.

Moreover, this month's elections for the National Assembly were less tightly controlled than any before. The vast majority of the 450 people elected were loyal Communists, but three genuine independents won seats, including a Catholic bishop in central Nghe An province and a prominent doctor in Saigon who once served in the US-backed South Vietnamese army.

"Tran Thanh Trai was elected... regardless of his previous record," said the official announcing the election results late last month, in an unconscious demonstration of the ruling party's ambivalence about 'opening' the economy and the society. A little bit of opening is clearly a good thing that brings in both money and praise – but too much could threaten the regime itself.

Vietnam is being sacrificed to the interests of a relatively narrow elite

The first people to feel the wind shift were the foreign investors who started sniffing around Vietnam in the early 1990s, and then flooded in after the United States ended its trade embargo in 1994. At one point in 1995, two new international companies were setting up in Vietnam each week – but this year, there have been many more leaving than arriving.

The first big shocks came last year, when the Communist Party launched a "cultural purity" campaign against foreign consumer goods and advertising styles. Censors painted out Coca-Cola's billboards, censured the Philippines brewery San Miguel for implying that sharing a beer is a sign of friendship, and banned the bra ads of the German-based Triumph company for prurience.

Last year's Communist Party congress bristled with Marxist rhetoric and called for closer state control of the economy. Nobody intends a full return to the old centrally planned economy, but it is becoming clear that the apparatchiks won't allow the huge bureaucracy that was created to run that economy to be dismantled, because that is where their jobs are.

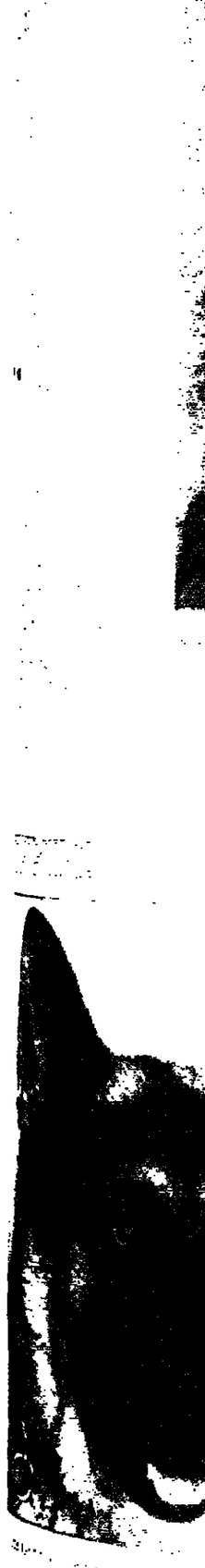
If Vietnam must grow more slowly economically in order to avoid challenges to their monopoly of political power, they will willingly pay that price. (More precisely, their fellow-countrymen will pay it, but never mind.) Nguyen Van Linh's recent outburst is only one of many signs that the Party membership is coming to precisely that conclusion. This tiger is getting off the bike.

So Vietnam's currency was devalued to a realistic level, and farmers got their land back, and the regime passed a liberal investment code to attract foreign money. Inflation fell, the country returned to its traditional role as a net exporter of rice, and foreign firms flocked in. But that was then, and this is now.

Vietnam, like Burma, is being sacrificed to the interests of a relatively narrow elite (Communist in one case, military in the other, but it scarcely makes a difference). And will the 75 million Vietnamese accept it? They have little choice.

Recent reports from remote Thai Binh province talk of angry farmers demonstrating against poverty and corruption. But the Vietnamese Communists can probably hang onto power for at least another decade if they don't lose their nerve.

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ON CAMERA

Getting the right angle

By DAVID BRAUNER

"Architectural photography can be defined either as photographing beautiful structure, or photographing structure beautifully, or doing both together."
Eric de Mare, *Photography*

One of the most common types of photographs seen and taken, after portraits and family shots, are pictures of buildings. Beautiful or unusual structures captivate the eye and frequently symbolize faraway cities, exotic countries and distant cultures.

But take a second, harder look at your photographs of architecture. Are the verticals falling away at a dizzying angle? Is the horizon line level? Does the picture make an interesting building look boring?

Sad to say, not only amateurs suffer from the many pitfalls of architectural photography. Professionally taken pictures of buildings on postcards and in guidebooks and magazines are also surprisingly poor in terms of the long-established rules and conventions of rendering perspective on a two-dimensional plane.

"While standing on one foot," world-renowned architectural photographer Steven Brooke (interviewed in this column on June 13) reduces the dynamics of architectural photography to five basic rules:

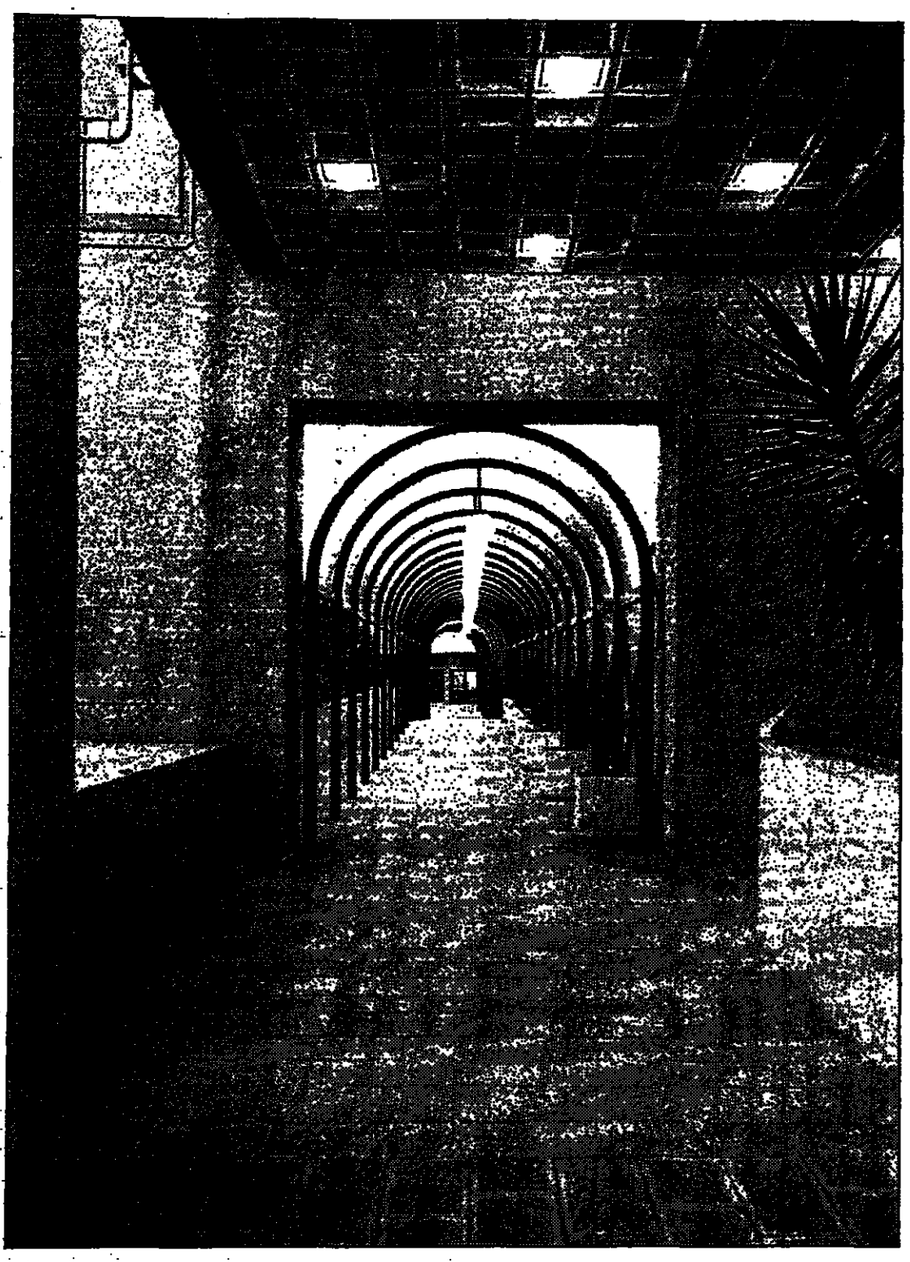
• The first rule is to keep vertical lines parallel to the picture plane (frame). The eye rectifies converging verticals, but a camera tipped up at a building creates a false perspective of sloping lines. In other words, the building goes out of square, "and if the verticals aren't square, it's not a good photograph of architecture," Brooke asserts.

• Following the traditions of 17th- and 18th-century European architectural painting and etching, Brooke is careful to include an "establishing horizontal." Such a line (or lines) in the architecture of the building organizes and orders the composition. It allows the eye a needed "sense of repose," especially if the building is complex or there are a number of buildings interacting with one another.

• Proportion the composition so that the "key verticals and horizontals" do not cut the two-dimensional picture plane into equal halves, either up and down or across. The leading edge (vertical) and base line (horizontal) of the building ought to be off-center, thus subdividing the picture into uneven proportions pleasing to the eye. Brooke notes that mathematically governed proportions in architectural art were known and practiced even before the Renaissance, and certainly after.

• To create tension, you may allow diagonal lines to disappear through the top or sides of the picture plane. But do not let diagonals hit a corner of the frame. Doing so destroys the sense of depth.

• Do not allow the vertex of an angle like the tip of a roof or steeple to touch the top of the picture plane. Either the frame should break the angle or the angle should fall within the plane. These conventions, which enhance both the appreciation and practice of architectural photography, apply to exterior and interior shots, as well as to renditions of detail like a colonnade.



Arched arcade at the Jerusalem Convention Center; note the squared verticals and establishing horizontal over the arches (David Brauner)

AS WITH all rules of art, let these guide rather than dominate the work. To raise architectural photography to an art form, serious workers like Brooke use a precision-made view (bellows) camera. Another option is using a "perspective control" or "shift" lens on a 35-mm. camera, but PC lenses are extremely expensive.

More than adequate results can be had with an SLR equipped with a 20- to 28-mm. wide-angle lens. Brooke points out that the wider the lens, the greater the distortion if you tip the camera out of square. Also, the wider the lens, the lower the camera ought to be to the ground or floor. Using an ultrawide-angle lens at eye level makes the ground appear to fall away at a wild slope – not a desirable effect.

An absolute essential for architectural work is a tripod and cable release. As Brooke puts it, "A tripod frees your hands and engages your brain. It allows you to contemplate the image before you."

A tripod-mounted camera also facilitates using smaller apertures for sharper pictures. Last but not least, Brooke says, "If the camera is not level, the lines of the building cannot be square." So use a spirit level to ensure that your camera is level.

In general, sunlight should be fairly low on the horizon to bring out the three-dimensional geometry of the building and stress textures. Avoid the clutter of cars and people (except as scale figures), and make shots as clean as possible.

Readers are invited to address architectural queries to Steven Brooke at e-mail: SMBrooke@aol.com

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Five-star slum

By Sam Orbaum

Have you supped lately at the Diplomat? Taken a whirl in the ballroom, laved under the gold-plated taps, rubbed shoulders with big shots in the glittering foyer?

Jerusalemites who knew which flower to put in a lapel didn't have too many places to strut in the '70s. Haim Shiff's five-star Diplomat was one of them.

It had that comfy opulence to lure ministers, millionaires and, of course, diplomats. Bedroom furniture imported from Italy, nicely offset by restored antiques. Original art everywhere. Gold-tipped tap fixtures smartly complemented by black Italian marble. Chandeliers in the public bathrooms — "our calling card," Shiff called them.

Built in 1972, just as the capital was stirring after a 2,000-year slumber, the Diplomat was maybe not as haute as the King David, but it was up there.

The dinner theater in the Embassy Ballroom was quite something, eh?

Oh, which restaurant to choose — there were three, no four....

I mean, the place had its own TV studio!

Massive murals everywhere. In the stairwell, a nine-story-high illuminated curtain made up of 5,000 stained-glass panels.

But wait! You think *this* is splendrous? We have big, big plans: health club, gym, sauna, tennis courts, kosher Chinese restaurant (remember, it was a long time ago), sports club, a second swimming pool.

All this may be too much for Serozhin to comprehend.

Where the regal doorman used to be, obese, retarded Serozhin now stoops, lolling torpidly. Here in the elegant lobby, where the bejewelled 'moiselles sashayed, a toothless old woman waits motionlessly for the inevitable, staring at grubby walls.

They live in the biggest, ugliest slum in the city, the mockingly-named Diplomat Hotel.

"Every story here is a tragedy of sorts," said one kindly volunteer. She meant the people, not the building.

The guests are no longer the socialites, but the social misfits: many of the residents suffer severe emotional, social and *health problems. The Diplomat* now caters to the mentally disturbed, blind, deaf, alcoholic, disabled, the aged, the poor. People, nearly all of them from the Soviet Union, who cannot integrate into Israeli society.

The 450 residents — including 40 children — practically worship Kira Freidus who, says one of her 20 staffers, "made order out of chaos" when she assumed the task of managing the place. "It was dirty, smelly, sad and rundown before Freidus came here." It must have been unimaginably worse than it is now, because it's *still* sad and rundown.

The real difference is that "even if our people can't say they love the place, at least they know we care about them."

As far back as *1991*, when it was still classified as an absorption center (it's now more like a welfare hostel), the authorities were on the verge of evacuating it because of "substandard conditions."

Three years later, a contingent of *ministers toured the Diplomat* and were "appalled" at the conditions. "When is the last time it was cleaned?" one of them wondered indignantly.

Shiff pulls in NIS 2,000 per month rent for each of the 500 rooms, whether they're occupied or not. (Residents who can afford to pay up to NIS 1,000 a month for their room; some pay as little as NIS 25. The remainder is covered by government subsidies.)

It is a miserable place to live, especially for the old and infirm. There are no laundry services and almost no food facilities. There are no shops nearby, and the closest bus stop is far away and up a steep incline. Egged consented to send a bus in, but only once a day, so Freidus initiated a minibus service.

IN A HAPPILY perverse way, there is an upbeat side to this woeful story. The Diplomat may be squalid, most of its residents pitiable, but each exists for each other.

A sign at the creaking old elevator — "Coffee shop, Floor C; Shopping arcade, Floor 3" — remains in place, derisively reminiscent of the glory days.

The building is a ghostly reminder of its own heyday: some of the bedroom furniture is still there, a quarter-century later, now tattered and seedy. A sign at the creaking old elevator — "Coffee shop, Floor C; Shopping arcade, Floor 3" — remains in place, derisively reminiscent of the glory days. The flooring, the walls, even the reception desk and that nine-story glass sculpture, are still there, unchanged except for a magnitude of wear and tear you'd expect to find at an archeological dig.

The gold, the chandeliers, the antiques, even most of the functioning light bulbs, are long gone.

The building and the people are metaphors for each other.

Faina Krestun, once a respected Leningrad medical doctor, now has time to slow-cook a pot of gefilte fish, with which to lure a chance passerby for some conversation.

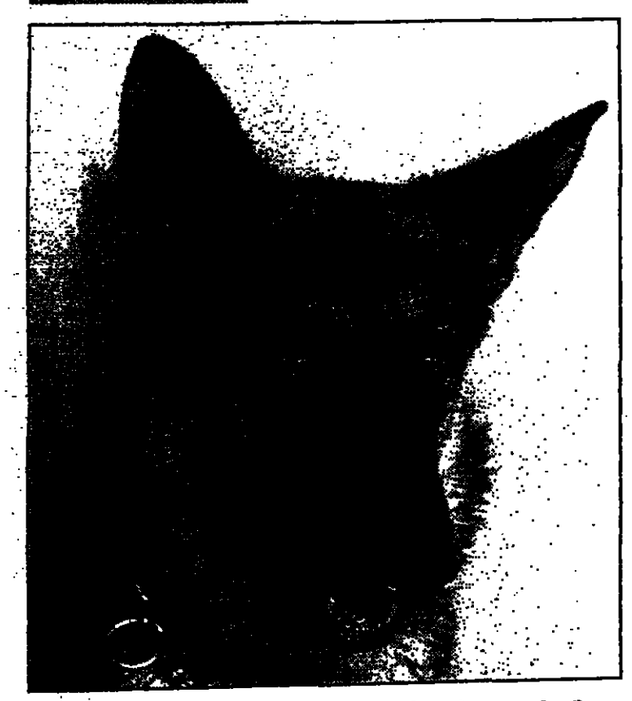
Frieda Muchnik, a great-grandmother, still remembers the reverence she earned as a Moscow ballerina married to an atomic physicist. Today, she teaches dance steps to the Diplomat children. "We have a good social life," she says with a kind of sad exuberance. "We gossip, watch TV, look at old photos."

Chaya Braginsky, 75, came here as a Chernobyl refugee. She was a Kiev neurologist; today she runs a tiny library for the locals, and says she "finds it difficult to live together with mentally ill, disruptive people."

And the two cantors. For 30 years they competed ferociously, each claiming to be the best cantor at the Leningrad Synagogue. Both immigrated, both ended up at the Diplomat.

And on Hanukka, for eight days, they competed ferociously over who should light the little candles.

HEADS 'N' TAILS



Why is one German shepherd more obedient than another? (Hanoch Guthmann)

When your dog won't listen

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Training dogs for obedience is a popular pastime for many dog owners. It gives them a chance to mix with other dog owners, as well as the pleasure of a well-trained animal and, in some cases, the thrill of the show ring.

But not every dog can be an obedience champion. One owner writes: "I have two lovely German shepherds and they have both been to the same number of obedience classes. While one of them is a very good trainee and gets the point of every lesson without any seeming effort, the other just doesn't learn as well.

"This is especially noticeable when they are asked to pick a cube of wood that I have handled and that carries my scent from a pile of similar cubes. The one dog does it with no effort while the other sniffs at the pile and then usually just wanders off to other activities.

"The trainer we work with says that this dog 'just doesn't have a *nose for the job.' I find this strange* since the two dogs are litter mates and both of their parents were good obedience dogs."

The problem you describe probably has little or nothing to do with the olfactory sense of the dog in question and is most likely something else altogether: attention span. *Recent studies in Australia* have shown that though the genes for good olfactory sense are common to almost all, if not all, dogs (it's like having two eyes or four feet), another recessive gene controls the attention span and decrees just how long a dog will keep its interest fixed on a specific problem before going off to do other things.

DOGS WITH a short attention span are somewhat similar to children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. They seem unable to concentrate long enough to absorb information.

Since this appears to be a recessive gene, the parents who carried the gene were not themselves afflicted with the disorder and not all their offspring would be likely to inherit it. So, the dog most likely has a full complement of normal senses and indeed may be quite bright, but it just cannot concentrate and is easily distracted.

We humans all know about this. For instance, we start looking for our glasses or our keys, and then the telephone rings, someone comes to the door or we suddenly notice that a favorite houseplant is without water. We go to answer the telephone, open the door or grab the *watering bottle, and the glasses or* keys are forgotten for the moment.

Since our long-term memory eventually kicks in and since we need the glasses or keys, we return to the search in time. But the dog doesn't have any special need for a wooden cube that smells of its owner, nor does a dog trained as a drug-sniffer need the drugs it finds, not even when it is sure to elicit praise from the handler.

So, the dog's attention wanders, and once the animal is busy with some new stimulus it forgets all about the original task. But just because the dog is not a good sniffer or able to bring in top prizes as an obedience champion does not mean it cannot be a suitable companion. But if you want to breed your dogs, count this one out.

DEAR RUTHIE

Caught between father and son

By RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, I am a volunteer on a kibbutz in the north of the country. I am used to having the men who live there try to go to bed with me because of the way I look. My blonde hair seems to be a magnet for many men in this part of the world. Also, my Hebrew is not very good, and I suspect there are those who would take advantage of this.

So I was not very surprised when a certain member of the kibbutz began pursuing me a few months ago. In spite of his having a wife and four grown children, I turned him down because I have never gone out with a married man, nor do I ever intend to.

The problem is that I began having a relationship with his son – who is my age – a few weeks ago. Suddenly, the father has started telling his son to stay away from me because I am not Jewish, or because volunteers "sleep around."

I am furious, and I want very much to tell my friend the reason behind his father's disapproval. But I fear that this will be too hurtful. On the other hand, why should I have to suffer for doing the right thing? Should I remain silent, even though doing so could end a relationship I very much want, or should I tell the truth and risk hurting my friend?

Volunteering to be a Scapegoat

Dear Voluntary Scapegoat,

It is incredibly difficult to anticipate how someone else will perceive or respond to something you want to get off your chest. So your guess is as good as mine as to how your boyfriend will react to learning that his father has tried to seduce you.

But you are absolutely correct in assuming he might be upset by it. Unfortunately, he is just as liable to be upset with you as he is with his father. The fact that his father's disapproval of you – both for "not being Jewish" and for being a "promiscuous" volunteer – has made enough of an impression on your boyfriend to cause a problem indicates that he respects his father. After all, if he took no heed of his father's displeasure, there would be no problem.

So anything you tell him may be used against you. For example, your friend might get it into his head that you are just trying to stir up trouble, now that you know you are not welcome in the family. (If he confronts his father, this is surely what his father will accuse you of.) Another possible scenario is that he will assume it was you who tried to seduce his father.

Rather than expending valuable energy trying to second-guess others, you would do a lot better to examine what you want. Is this man really so important to you? Or is it your pride that's on the line?

Until you answer questions like these to your own satisfaction, you won't be able to make a choice about how to proceed. Just keep in mind that if you let anger be your guiding principle, you are liable to end up without this particular boyfriend. Perhaps that is what you really want.

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REVIEWS

in brief

Concerts

Israeli Renana Gutman (17) won first prize in the 1997 Tel Hai Summer International piano master class competition. Ron Regev (Israel) was the second, while the Japanese Yuko Shinohara and the Latvian Sanita Sablovska shared third place.

The master class, usually held in Tel Hai, took place in Kibbutz Kfar Blum, where 50 young musicians from all over the world spend two weeks in intensive studies under the guidance of the international staff of tutors. "Our new place is even better," smiles general director **Marina Rondarenko**. "We've got 35 new pianos. And some of our teachers participated in the Kfar Blum Chamber Music Festival."

This year, the faculty included **Sontraud Spiedel** from Germany, **Victor Rosenbaum** from the US, Denmark's **Jose Ribera**, and several local pedagogues, such as **Emanuel Krasovsky, Victor Derevianko, Michael Bogusiavsky, Arie Vardi, Yahli Wagman** and the veteran of Israeli pianism **Pnina Saltzman**, with the addition of the recent Artur Rubinstein Competition winner, **Alexander Korsantiya**.

The foursome of winners will showcase their art in the closing concert tonight at the Tel Aviv Museum (9 p.m.) with Korsantiya playing Prokofiev's seventh sonata. *Maxim Reider*

Some 39 students and eight teachers played together at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center in the touching finale of the Keshet Eilon violin master-course gala concert.

Emceed by **Alex Ansky**, the concert was opened by Ysaye's Sonata for Violin Solo Op. 27/3 and gave just the right tone to the evening. Keren Tannenbaum (15) offered an emotional but restrained interpretation of the first movement of Schumann's Sonata for Violin and Piano Op. 105, while the powerful and rich sound of diminutive Sayaka Shoji's violin filled the hall as the 14-year-old played *Tzigane* by Ravel. But it was David Garrett (17) who hypnotized the full house with his virtuoso rendition of Bazzini's *La ronde des lutins*, emerging as an accomplished artist.

Recitativo and Scherzo-Caprice for Violin Solo by Kreisler, performed by maestro **Shlomo Mintz**, suggested that a mature musician always has a lot to say and his younger colleagues, talented as they are, still have a lot to learn. *Maxim Reider*

Rachmaninoff's little-known work, Cello Sonata Op. 29, was the center of interest in cellist **Igor Shahin** and pianist **Bella Kresin**'s program, in the Immigrant Musicians' concert series at Ticho House.

This is a highly romantic, emotionally charged, exuberant work. Unlike some of the composer's other works, it is not melodramatic and overstated but classic in construction and rich in original ideas.

Shahin's rendition abounds in subtle nuances of dynamics and displays a most delicate and often sonorous quality. His introversion and sincerity were not easily noticeable, however, due to the pianist's banging at the instrument, with little consideration for her more unassertive partner.

The balance improved in Brahms's Cello Sonata Op. 38, in which the scoring allows the cello to blossom by itself without letting it be overshadowed by a domineering piano artist. *Ury Eppstein*

Dance

Michal Nathan presented a personal interpretation of flamenco dance in her new program *Mi Alma* (at the Suzanne Dellal) that was surprisingly convincing, in spite of its limitations. She brought to the stage a group of 10 dancers, all female, due to a shortage of male flamenco dancers. Nathan tried to work around this deficiency and, for the most part, succeeded.

She seems to know that the majority of her dancers are still at student level and chose to play down the more complex aspect of flamenco and replace it with restraint, serious in-depth work on her original choreography, rather than dealing with the familiar antics of flamenco, charming as they are. Wise decision.

Michal Nathan also made excellent musical choices, collaborating with singer **Fermin Grenada, Erez Dali** (guitar), **Moshik Kop** (percussion), **Amir Milstein** (flute), and **Rally Margalit** (cello), a group of very good musicians. The last two play instruments that are not your obvious choice for accompanying flamenco, adding a unique flavor with their own arrangements of flamenco motifs.

The performances dealt successfully with some of the many facets of that intricate discipline, the ones that were within the capacity of the performers who, thankfully, decided to dispense with the flashy, touristy aspect of the stage entertainment and concentrate on artistic expression.

Mi Alma turned out to be an interesting, mature, intelligent evening of original work done within the framework of flamenco. *Ora Brafman*

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Nights of love: Tea Packs helps to celebrate Tu Be'Av with two concerts, at Tzemah and at Mitzpe Ramon.

Tu Be'av: A time to party

By AMY KLEIN

The three-week mourning period which culminates on the ninth of Av is somewhat mitigated by the promise of Tu Be'av (the 15th day of Av). According to Jewish custom, Tu Be'av was a "Sadie Hawkins Day" of sorts, where the single women, dressed in white, would dance in the fields hoping to catch the eye of a prospective husband (the eligible bachelors would pick the girl of their choice from the field of dancers). To this day, Tu Be'av is considered to be a lucky day in matters of love. In that regard, festivals for this holiday of love abound.

On August 18 is the Night of Love at Tzemah on the Tzemah coast (south of Tiberias).

Starting at 4 p.m., the warm-up groups will include Nimrod Vehabodedim (Nimrod and the Lonely Ones), The Black Widow, The Greek, Uri Banai, and Stanga. By 8, the stage should be ready for the main events: Aviv Gefen, Gidi Gov, Tea Packs, Jeremy Kaplan, Eyfo Hayeled (Where Is the Boy) and Iggy Waxman. But perhaps the biggest attraction of the evening will be emcee Eden Harel, Israel's hottest export. This young Yemenite beauty is one of MTV Europe's top VJs, hostess of such shows as *Select MTV* and *European Top 20*.

If you want to celebrate the festival of love without pop/rock music, on August 15 and 16, the Magical Nights of Kinneret festival will feature more traditional Israeli music. On the first night, Yehudit Ravitz and Mati Caspi will play at the stage on the Tzemah shore. The same night, on the Jordan shore, Ehud Manor will host Naomi Shemer, David Da'or, Shai Zomberg, Tal Amir, and Tamar Giladi.

The following night at Ein Gev, Miki Gabrielov will host Corinne Allal, Daphne Armoni, and Si Hyman. These three stages set up around the Kinneret are the first of many to be prepared for performances around the lake in honor of Israel's 50th birthday.

Tickets for the Night of Love range from NIS 84 to NIS 109. For Magical Nights of the Kinneret, prices range from NIS 75 to NIS 99.

At the other side of the country, near the Dead Sea, catch Tea Packs' Night of Love. It's an all-night concert, party and dance at Mitzpe Ramon.

At 10:30 p.m., Tea Packs will perform. A uniquely Israeli young pop band whose music has strains of Dire Straits and Mashina, their humor is often self-effacing. After midnight, the dance party for ages 25+ begins, with music from the '70s and '80s. The slogan of the party is "An entire generation demands a party" (a play on "An entire generation demands peace"). Tickets for the event cost NIS 60.



Faculty members from the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts greet visitors to the school in Jerusalem in 1911 in a scene from Murray Rosenberg's 'Palestine 1911' documentary. The gate to the school still stands on Shmuel Hanagid Street.
(Steven Spielberg Jewish Film Archive)

From Palestine to posterity

By MATT REES

Women praying alongside men at the Western Wall. A twinkle in the eye of a Reform rabbi? Yisrael Lau's nightmare? Or a scene from the first film ever made by a Jew visiting Palestine in 1911?

It could be all of the above.

Murray Rosenberg, a British Jew who knew Theodor Herzl and was one of the founders of the British Zionist Federation, hauled his movie camera from Egypt to Jerusalem to film the lives of early Jewish immigrants from Europe and the indigenous Jews.

He and his wife went to the Wall and filmed the men and women praying together. Then he took his footage to Switzerland for the Tenth Zionist Congress the following year, where it was received rapturously, with a spontaneous chorus of "Hatikva."

The Steven Spielberg Jewish Film Archive at Hebrew University is taking Rosenberg's *Palestine 1911* and four other Zionist films to Basel this week, where they will be the focal points of an Israeli film festival to commemorate the centenary of the First Zionist Congress.

"These are images of Israel that you don't see very often," says Marilyn Koolik, the director of the Spielberg Archive, who will introduce the films in Basel. "People are used to seeing pioneers of the 1930s on film, but this takes us right back to the Ottoman period."

Men and women standing together at the Western Wall was not the only unusual item captured on film by Rosenberg. The urbane delegates at the Zionist Congress rose to their feet and applauded at the scenes showing Jews operating plows — a sight that, like males and females together at the Wall, you don't see so often these days, either.

Rosenberg's aim was purely Zionist and propagandist. But he had his influence on the art of film-making in Palestine, too. A good deal of Rosenberg's film is devoted to the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts.

A photographer working at the then five-year-old school saw Rosenberg's camera and determined to make movies of his own. The photographer, Ya'acov Ben-Dov, went on to become the most influential maker of silent films in Palestine.

Among the other films the Spielberg Archive will present in Basel are a documentary about Ben-Dov and another about fellow Zionist, movie-making pioneer Baruch Agadati. The latter will also be shown in October at the Haifa Film Festival.

Rosenberg settled in Palestine in 1921. He died in 1966, at age 93. During his lifetime he saw many things change from the way they had been when he became the first Jewish film-maker here. On that first trip in 1911, he visited a new suburb, only two years old, growing out of the sands north of Jaffa.

The sight, he decided, was not worth wasting any film on, so he left it unrecorded. "Don't think much of Tel Aviv," he wrote in his diary.

Imagine that.

IN TUNE

The 'Bitch' is back!

By DAVID BRINN

From the No. 1 slots on the record charts to music video screens everywhere to *Ma'ariv*'s Friday entertainment supplement, Meredith Brooks is clearly this year's Alanis Morissette.

Formed out of the Chrissie Hynde/Joan Jett mold of long-haired, skinny guitar-slingers, Brooks's debut is just about as good as Morissette's, the reigning angry young woman of rock 'n' roll. The strength of her songs, singing, and guitar playing might be overshadowed by the overwhelming success of "Bitch," a top contender for single of the year.

It's one of those songs that immediately become ingrained on the brain, and despite its leanings towards novelty, it holds up after repeated listenings. Brooks pulls off the neat trick of sounding like all the qualities she boasts of in the song: tough, loving, and vulnerable and yes, bitchy.

The good news is that "Bitch" isn't the only memorable song on the album. "I Need," a rocking funny-with-a-lot-of-truth look at life in the '90s, earns extra points for mentioning Todd Rundgren. Brooks's insightful lyrics manage to cut to the quick, as they do on "Birthday," a biting look at dating.

Musically, the album, produced by David Ricketts of David & David fame, makes imaginative use of drum programming, and Brooks provides some exceptional taut, tension-driven guitar. Some of the vocals and arrangements recall a more dangerous-sounding Sheryl Crow, likely due to Ricketts's connection with the latter.

From a whisper to a growl, Brooks makes good her boasts in "Bitch" that she changes with the seasons. And she leaves the listener breathless trying to keep up.

BLURRING THE EDGES - Meredith Brooks (NMC)

BETTA LISTEN Laurnea (Helicon)

KILLING TIME Various Artists (NMC)

SUMMER FIESTA 2 Various Artists (NMC)

JE T'AIME Various Artists (Helicon)



Meredith Brooks: This year's answer to Alanis Morissette

LAURNEA'S bold debut, *Betta Listen*, draws on her wide-ranging vocal dexterity, with a diverse musical sound to back her up. Laurnea, born Laurnea Wilkerson in Omaha, Nebraska, was vocally trained by Bobby McFerrin, and has to her credit such things as playing Dorothy in the Broadway production of *The Wiz* – right out of high school – and later landing a part as a member of Da Naturals in Spike Lee's *School Daze*.

This versatility is clearly displayed on her album, which is consistent in its tight, professional production, giving it a fairly constant jazz feel. It is a funky collection, full of action and movement. When she's not groovin' to the beat, her vocals can be smooth and lilting. "Over and Over" has a definite Stevie Wonder sound. "Gone" is a jazz piece that shows Laurnea at some of her best.

The title track is nothing less than a tone poem that reaches out to her audience with a plea that "I'm just a poet in a society that don't want nobody to learn." As Laurnea said herself, she believes her audience is "ready for a bit of eclectic funkiness." If you like different, you may be pleasantly surprised.

SUMMER'S here and the time is right for ... releasing compilations.

Most prominent is the NMC-compiled *Killing Time*, subtitled a "non-alternative compilation." What the 15 tracks by the likes of Depeche Mode, Radiohead and rappers Cypress Hill share is a trippy ambience, with lots of remixes and sampling.

The highlight is a plaintive track by Primitive Radio Gods. Seductive and airy, *Killing Time* succeeds in creating an atmosphere and keeping it.

JE T'AIME is – surprise! – a collection of French-language pop, including tracks by the Eurovision perennial Johnny Halliday and the late Israel expatriate Mike Brant. Most of it is forgettable pap, but it was still a small thrill to hear the old Paul Mauriat classic "Love Is Blue" again.

SUMMER FIESTA 2 is the CD to play if you're hosting a beach party. Nineteen Latin beats ranging from teenthrob Ricky Martin's "Maria" to Tito Puente Jr.'s "Guarachando." Guaranteed to get you on your feet. This is where local faves Atraf (who have their own excellent collection out) learned their stuff.

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	1	3	EVYATAR BANAI	EVYATAR BANAI
#2	3	2	ARIK EINSTEIN	LE'AN PARHU HAPARPARIM
#3	2	6	V/A	HITMAN 8
#4	14	13	EYAL GOLAN	WITHOUT YOU
#5	12	2	V/A	SUMMER PARTY
#6	7	8	TEA PACKS	NESHIKA LA DOD
#7	18	4	TRACY CHAPMAN	TRACY CHAPMAN
#8	13	5	V/A	SUMMER FIESTA 2
#9	16	6	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	KOL MA SHETIRTZI
#10	4	26	YEHUDA POLIKER	LIVE
#11	NEW!	1	ASTRAL PROJECTION	DANCING GALAXY
#12	17	4	V/A	NOW 37
#13	16	6	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	COLLECTION
#14	11	7	PRODIGY	FAT OF THE LAND
#15	15	8	V/A	JE TAIME

Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week

How China left India behind

By RONE TEMPEST

NEW DELHI (Los Angeles Times) – Fifty years ago this week, the Indian subcontinent broke its colonial chains with Britain, forming the nations of India and Pakistan. India, crippled by partition and poverty, chose a democratic path to the future.

"Long years ago, we made a tryst with destiny," Indian leader Jawaharlal Nehru said in a speech on the eve of independence, Aug. 14, 1947, "and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge. The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the great triumphs and achievements that await us."

At the same time in China, Mao Tse-tung's Communists were on the final leg of their Long March to victory in the civil war with Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists. Emulating the Soviet Union, the new People's Republic of China – even poorer than India and struggling to survive after years of war and occupation – chose a Marxist-Leninist road.

"Thus begins a new era in the history of China," Mao said on the eve of the founding of the People's Republic, Sept. 30, 1949. "We, the 475 million people of China, have now stood up. The future of our nation is infinitely bright."

In those heady early days, leaders of Asia's two wounded giants pledged to lift their countries out of despair. The goal of independent India, Nehru said, was to end "poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity." It never surfaced completely – except, perhaps, for the brief border war that China and India fought in 1962 – but there was a rivalry of sorts between these two have-nots and between their systems.

As they prepare to celebrate India's first 50 years, Indian leaders have been forced to recognize that, at almost every level except one – the important domain of human rights and civil liberties – China has done more to improve the lives of its people, including its poorest citizens.

"I am ashamed," then-Indian Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda told a business group in New Delhi earlier this year. "We talk so much about liberalization. But a Communist country like China can achieve so much while we can't. This means something is wrong."

Similarly, Salman Haidar, India's foreign minister and former ambassador to China, commented in a recent interview: "There is no question that, in a straight-up comparison, China has done much better than India. All the major indicators are better." That two senior leaders could so frankly and passionately criticize their country says much about the differences between China and India, certainly in terms of political openness and freedom of expression.

India's people are gloriously free to publicly say what they think about virtually anything. And they do – boldly, constantly and incessantly, producing a cacophony of political debate in this country.

China has little freedom of expression, particularly with regard to political matters. Meetings of its rubber-stamp parliament, the National People's Congress, are somber affairs with no public debate or controversy.

Although Chinese leaders do not hesitate to refer to their nation's poverty, their references are oblique; their remarks are meticulously phrased so that communism – and the Chinese Communist Party – are absolved of responsibility.

Behind the Indian leaders' outspoken remarks, though, is the huge concern here about the growing gap in development between the world's two most populous lands.

Seeking to explain China's large and growing advantage over India in education, health and general standard of living, scholars, diplomats and economists come up with different theories. The most common is that, because of India's diversity – 15 major languages, five major religions, countless castes and sub-castes – it lacks the unity and community needed for effective nationwide education and anti-poverty programs.

In an attempt to catch up with China and other booming countries in Southeast Asia, India has recently launched market reforms similar to those introduced in China in the late 1970s and throughout the '80s by the late Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping. The most important reforms include lowering of restrictive tariffs and creating incentives for foreign investment.

But most unsettling to India is an increasing realization that China's rapid advance is not due merely to economic steps.

Many experts now believe that China's ability to move ahead so far and so fast is partly attributable to earlier, more brutal reforms – particularly land reform measures – forced at gunpoint in the totalitarian 1949-76 rule of Mao.

The Maoist era is primarily remembered for its terrible setbacks: the 1960-61 famine that followed Mao's abortive "Great Leap Forward" and the 1966-76 political reign of terror and persecution known as the "Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution." But particularly in the early stages of Communist rule, in the 1950s, the country benefited from the land redistribution, introduction of compulsory universal education, adoption of simplified Chinese characters that led to greater literacy and the introduction of health and welfare policies and other reforms which helped restore the country's spirit and self respect.

Although it is much more controversial today, the Communist crackdown on religion, superstition, secret societies, triads and clans may also have helped the country break the cycle of endemic poverty.

"China's relative advantage over India," argues Harvard economist Amartya Sen, a native of India's West Bengal, "is a product of its pre-reform (pre-1979) groundwork, rather than its post-reform redirection." For most of the past half-century, the standard of living in India and China was about the same. In terms of infrastructure – rail transport and roads – and an established civil service, India actually started out considerably ahead of China. After independence, both countries made halting progress.

But even as late as 1960, both had poor records in reducing illiteracy, malnutrition and infant mortality rates. China was in the midst of the world's last great famine, the terrible extent of which is only now coming to light. In India in 1960, life expectancy at birth was only 44; in China it was 47.

IN THEIR early years of independence, both countries were largely dependent on foreign aid and expertise: China leaned on its Communist "Big Brother," the Soviet Union; India relied on the British Commonwealth and Western donor countries. China under Mao, however, abruptly broke its ties with the Soviet Union in 1962 while India remains a major recipient of Western foreign aid.

By the late 1970s, even before the economic reforms introduced by Deng took effect, China began to surge ahead of India in almost every measure of economic and social development.

Now, in the most recent Human Development Index of countries – based on a combination of literacy, longevity and average income – the United Nations Development Program gives China a rating of 60, near the top of all developing countries. India gets a rating of just 44; in Asia, the only countries ranked below India are Laos and Bangladesh.

Today, India is the world's largest democracy – a wildly chaotic land of extremes, of clashing cultures and castes and of deep, engulfing religiosity. It is also a land of problems, of wrenching poverty and simmering ethnic hatreds.

China is the world's last great Communist authoritarian state. It is ruled by a regime with blood on its hands. Its leaders are responsible for terrible persecutions and purges, the subjugation of Tibet, a military slaughter of civilians in 1989 and a man-made famine that killed 23 million to 30 million people – more than double the estimated toll of the Holocaust.

Yet China is also a land of progress and achievement, a country that leads the world in economic growth and, as the new millennium approaches, is on the verge on conquering the centuries-old blights of poverty and illiteracy.

Somehow the Chinese state, despite the limits on individual freedom, has been more receptive to change and imported ideas.

"China has been described as a 'closed system with open minds,'" commented Kito de Boer, a New Delhi-based consultant with McKinsey & Co. "India is often described as an 'open system with closed minds.'"

Four of every 10 people on Earth live in India or China. How the two countries fare is sure to have enormous impact on the rest of the world. The breakdown or failure of either place – given their demographic weight – could create a wave of migration unlike any seen before.

Great disparities in development in the two nations, which boast the world's two largest armies, could disrupt the Asian balance of power.

Unchecked development threatens the world's environment.

India is on track to surpass China as the world's most populous country sometime early in the next century.

"China is the only country in the world comparable with India in terms of population," said Harvard economist Sen, one of a growing number of scholars of the India-China question, "and when they began their modern era they had similar levels of impoverishment and distress.

"For me," Sen noted, "the most important thing is that they were so very similar in the 1940s, so very similar in economic and social development until the 1970s. That makes it very natural to ask how they have progressed since then." So far, at least, China has better met Nehru's challenge of eliminating "poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity." Since 1960, for example, China has added more than 20 years to its citizens' life expectancy. Chinese men live an average of 69 years, Chinese women 71 years. Life expectancy in India, while up, averages 62 years.

In literacy, the differences are more pronounced. Despite a decade of turmoil – the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, when many schools were shut – China has achieved an adult literacy rate of 81 percent of its population, compared with 52% for India.

In almost all economic categories, China lopsidedly surpasses India. In 1990-94, China's average annual growth of gross domestic product was 12.9%, compared with 3.8% for India. India's per capita GDP in 1994, $320, was just 60% of China's $530.

India is losing the superiority it once had, dating from the British raj, in railroads and roads. China just finished two rail lines – one linking Beijing and Hong Kong, another tying Shanghai to the far western Xinjiang region – and now matches India's total rail mileage.

China's cities, even in the poorest provinces, are booming with construction and development.

KEY TO China's success, say many experts who have compared development of the two countries, are land reforms instituted shortly after the Communists took power.

Jonathan D. Spence, a Yale University historian, has found that, in the years just after the 1949 Communist victory, 40% of land in China's south and central agricultural region was seized from landlords and redistributed – benefiting about 60% of China's peasants.

Confrontations between peasants and landlords were bathed in blood. It is estimated that one in every six landlord families suffered at least one death. The toll in 1950 alone is believed to have reached 1 million.

But the violent reforms resulted in much more equitable distribution of China's most precious resource, its limited supply of arable land.

There are signs that land reforms are now being eroded in parts of the Chinese countryside. Chinese farmers are still banned from direct land "ownership," but many have amassed relatively large holdings that they manage and operate in a way virtually indistinguishable from ownership.

Except for a few exceptions – notably agriculturally rich Punjab and Communist-led West Bengal – land reform never came to India.

India's two most populous states, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, are still plagued by a near-feudal system of absentee landlords and tenant farming.

"I know it is heretical," said Nick Bridge, a New Zealand diplomat who served in Beijing and until recently was ambassador to India, "but I think one of the main reasons that China has an advantage is that it underwent a violent revolution. The Communists killed the landlords. India still has them, and they are dragging the country down."

China, like the Soviet Union, launched a mostly disastrous program of collective farming that reached a low in the 1958-61 "Great Leap Forward." In that program, instituted by Mao as an accelerated way to communism, peasants were forced to join production brigades and eat in communal kitchens.

The result was a breakdown in the food production system and the famine that experts now believe killed up to 30 million. The communal kitchens were abandoned in 1962. The collective farms lingered until 1979, when Deng initiated a "household contract system" that lets peasants till their own land and sell their harvests on the open market.

But the essential land redistribution reforms that occurred at the time of the revolution remained intact. Once freed from the collective, Chinese farmers prospered quickly. Some centralized, communal aspects of the system remain and help Chinese peasants organize and coordinate efforts.

"China has made progress in areas where we have not," M.S. Swaminathan, a renowned agronomist and an architect of India's "green revolution" in agriculture, said in an interview at the Madras-based Swaminathan Research Foundation. "Because of the very possibility of social mobilization under a single political party, they have been able to get better control of water and pest management.

"The Chinese," he said, "have an integrated approach to job creation between the farm and off-farm employment, which we have not had in this country. The result in India has been the proliferation of urban slums as landless poor people migrate to the big cities of Bombay and Calcutta and Madras, living in utter squalor and deprivation."

China's population increase and agricultural modernization has also produced surplus labor. An estimated 80 million to 100 million people, the "floating population," are internal migrants, manual laborers, construction workers and curbside vendors in the major cities. But several studies report that an additional 100 million of these people were absorbed by outlying "township enterprises" that India has never developed.

In fits and starts in the past five years, India has begun to institute market liberalization and reforms that China began in the 1980s.

Now, many foreign business analysts are optimistic about India's potential. Other observers are not so sure. What the strictly business analyses of India fail to take into account, they say, are growing divisions among castes, religions and economic classes – the haves and the have-nots.

China's ability to convert quickly to a market economy can be attributed in part to the country's attention to the most basic social needs. So while Mao's party may have been seeking to reach a perfect Communist state – by instituting universal education and public health care and improving the status of women – it also laid the groundwork for a market economy.

"The force of China's market economy rests on the solid foundations of social changes that occurred earlier," said economist Sen. "India cannot simply jump onto that bandwagon without paying attention to the enabling social changes – in education, health care and land reforms – that made the market function in the way it has in China."

Meanwhile, a working measure of success for the two titans may lie in the question posed by former US diplomat Jay Taylor in his 1987 book *The Dragon and the Wild Goose*, which compares the nations: "Would you rather be the poorest man in China or in India?"





Has the Marxist-Leninist path of Mao (left) done more to improve the lives of the Chinese than Nehru's democracy has for India's masses?

Keeping the Faith

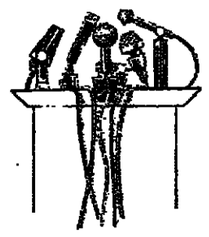
'The Christian Science Monitor' pushes ahead despite losses

By PAUL D. COLFORD

BOSTON (Newsday) – The numbers at *The Christian Science Monitor* test the faith.

Circulation, which peaked at 240,000 in the early 1970s, fell to 150,000 by 1983, to 92,000 a decade later, and now it flutters around 78,000.

The average age of its readers is 60.



The Media

The paper last reported a profit in 1956 – and since then has lost more than $300 million. Still, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, continues to subsidize the thoughtful Monday-to-Friday daily, 89 years after the sect's founder, Mary Baker Eddy, started the paper "to injure no man, but to bless all mankind" and to serve as an alternative to the yellow journalism of the day.

Although three- quarters of the paper's readers are not Christian Scien-tists, the church will provide a subsidy of $17m. in this fiscal year. Indeed, the shutdown in June of Monitor Radio, which transmitted daily news broadcasts and other programming via about 200 public radio stations – losing about $8m. a year – apparently does not herald an imminent day of reckoning for the *Monitor* itself.

"The *Monitor* is here to stay," Editor-in-Chief David T. Cook said the other day from the paper's offices in Boston. "The church remains committed to being in the news business. For the foreseeable future, that means that this newspaper has its support." To underscore this assertion, Cook revealed that the paper, known for its in-depth stories and coverage of foreign news (each issue also carries one "spiritual perspective"on daily life), is in the middle of a redesign being directed by the renowned graphic-arts team of Milton Glaser and Walter Bernard. Cook said the paper expects to introduce a new but familiar look in the fall.

"We also need to reach out to the younger generation," Cook, 50, added. "That's one reason we're excited about our 'E-Monitor,' because it helps get additional eyeballs onto the paper." Since last year, the smallish tabloid also has been available online, at http://www.csmonitor.com, which offers the contents of the day's issue, as well as a free search of the paper's archives back to 1980. In addition, Karla Vallance, former executive producer of Monitor Radio, is sticking around to help explore what Cook calls "our next steps in the media world."

The evidence appears to indicate that the rarest of species, a quiet voice, still will be heard amid the cacophony of news media, long after other thoughtful publications have gone silent. *The National Observer*, a weekly broadsheet that featured bright writing and early takes on social trends, was closed by Dow Jones & Co. in 1977 when the paper had a paid circulation of around 450,000, but had run up losses put at $16m. *Saturday Review*, the arts and culture magazine founded by Christopher Morley and Henry Luce in 1924, died in 1986 after changing hands a number of times and watching its circulation dwindle to 144,000.

Today, what else is there like the *Monitor*? National Public Radio, perhaps? In any case, there are nagging problems. The *Monitor* must meet a ridiculously early editorial deadline of noon in order to be printed in time at plants in Massachusetts and Arizona and service the mail subscriptions used by most of its readers.

What's more, good as it is, the *Monitor* can be hard to find for non-subscribers if they don't live near the roughly 2,500 Christian Science reading rooms scattered around the country.

Even in New York City, where everything legal and illegal is for sale somewhere, a hopeful reader will come up empty at well-stocked newsstands, including the ones in Manhattan's Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal.

"It's an interesting paper in many ways, but you rarely ever see it," said Thomas E. Patterson, a professor of government and media at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. In surveys of national audiences that Patterson has helped conduct, it does not register.

Jim McGlinchy, a CBS News producer in Washington, said that he rarely picks up the *Monitor*, assuming that it will have nothing to drive his day.

"But I know that when I do look at it, it will have, for example, a long story on Azerbaijan that will hook you, so that you have to read the whole thing," he added. (The sixth Pulitzer Prize won by the paper was for international reporting, awarded last year to correspondent David Rohde, who had found mass graves near Srebrenica in the former Yugoslavia.)

At the Monitor, Cook speaks about the "financial sacrifices" that many of the 105 or so staffers have made to work for the paper and the optimism they share. "This is an activity of their church – they love the *Monitor*," he said.

At the same time, the alarming decline in circulation, which reduces the paper's appeal to advertisers, will not be overcome by love – or faith – alone.

"We are focused on the depth of the challenge we have to face," Cook said. "We need to find a way to connect with people who want that quiet voice."

His own optimism is buoyed by a detail buried in recent stories about the falloff in total book sales – namely, that sales of religious books are growing.

"We are not proselytizing here," Cook went on, "but would those people interested in religious books be in the market for a quiet paper? Those who care about the kind of news that comes into their homes – that's a market for us." After pausing, he said, "Call back in a year to see if we connected with them."

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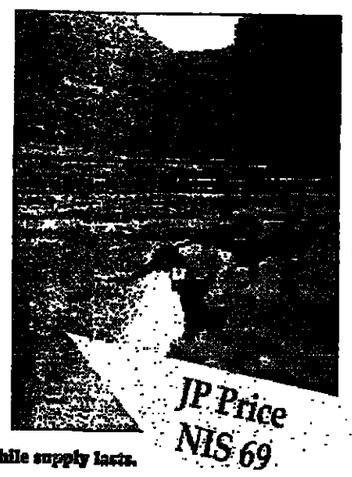
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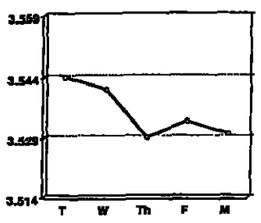
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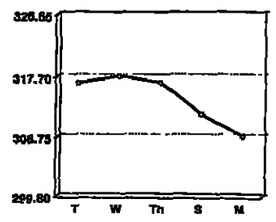
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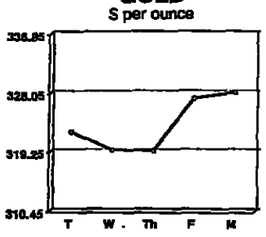
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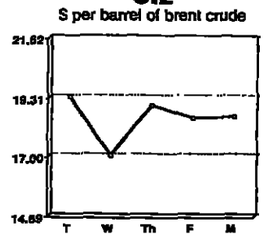
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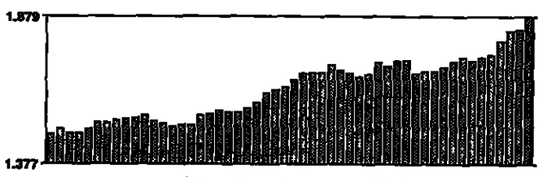
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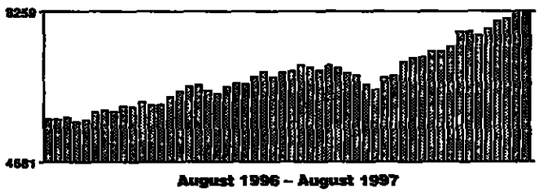


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Iraqi oil deal provides food to Kurds

BAGHDAD – Iraq's oil-for-food deal with the United Nations is providing subsidized food to 3.1 million Kurds in northern Iraq, a UN official said yesterday.

Eric Falt, spokesman for the UN Office for the Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq, said the figure was established by extensive surveys by UN offices in the North. *AP*

Airline competition plan rejected

Ministers highly critical of Treasury structural reform blueprint

By DAVID HARRIS

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy yesterday led the government to shelve the Treasury's plans to open the air-travel market to competition, both domestically and on short-haul international flights.

Levy was one of only a handful of ministers who spoke during the debate on the 1998 state budget, macroeconomic forecast for the next three years, and a program of some 100 structural changes across the economy.

After two cabinet sessions and more than seven hours of debate, the ministers failed to approve the NIS 164.4 billion proposed budget.

Levy told ministers that opening the internal flight market to competition and El Al's domestic stranglehold on short-haul journeys will lead to a serious increase in breaking Shabbat laws. This follows Levy's staunch opposition to plans to privatize El Al, thereby allowing the company to fly on Shabbat.

"I am extremely worried that competition will cause added Shabbat profanation," said Levy.

The Treasury agreed to withdraw the proposal and redraft it, with help from other ministries, according to Levy.

Among those routes that were slated for competition were flights to Kiryat Shmona, Jordan, Egypt, Cyprus, and Greece.

This is the second proposal that has been rejected by the cabinet. On Sunday, the Treasury shelved plans to lift all restrictions on agricultural imports, following objections from Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky also attacked the plans, saying they lack ideas for revitalizing the economy, according to a statement from his ministry.

The high-tech industry could face growth problems, which the program does not address, nor does it tackle the crisis in the tourism industry, added Sharansky.

Eitan called on the Treasury to introduce tax reform and present quarterly reports to the cabinet on the progress of the economy. With regard to the budget, he urged there be no cuts in education and social welfare spending. Eitan also called for a reduction in the number of regional councils from 53 to 20, which would save an annual NIS 600 million.

Although Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman informed the cabinet on Sunday that the 1998 inflation target has been set at 7%-10%, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel yesterday urged the cabinet to set next year's goal at 6%-9%.

While both Frenkel and Neeman are denying there is a rift between them, both are maintaining that their approach is correct.

On Sunday, Neeman said the inflation target must be "realistic," but Frenkel thinks the government must continue reducing the target by 1% a year in its bid to reach OECD-level inflation (4.5%) by 2001.

"Foreign investors and those who set Israel's credit rating in the world's financial and capital markets expect the Israeli economy will continue to progress gradually and reduce the gap between our inflation and that of the world," said Frenkel, according to a statement from the central bank.

Treasury Director-General Shmuel Slavin reportedly told the cabinet that Frenkel's figures are misleading.

At least one more cabinet session will be held before the final decision-taking meeting, which is scheduled for August 31 and September 1. The budget moves to the Knesset for approval no later than December 31.

July trade deficit at $473m.

By DAVID HARRIS

The trade deficit totaled $473.2 million in July, the lowest deficit figure since September 1995, according to data published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Imports reached $2.355 billion and exports brought in some $1.882b. The monthly deficit compares to $748m. in June this year and $845m. in July 1996.

During the first seven months of this year, the deficit ran to $4.725b., as against the $6.425b. posted for the equivalent period in 1996. Recent months have seen a steady increase in imports, after a decline last year coupled with a slowdown in exports. These trends have been reversed.

Of the exports, some two-thirds comprised industrial products and software (excluding diamonds), with diamonds representing 32 percent and agricultural produce 2%.

Industrial exports have increased recently at a monthly rate of 0.5%, compared to the monthly 1% recorded between October 1996 and March this year.

Meanwhile, of the items imported last month, 46% were raw materials (excluding diamonds and fuel), with 23% diamonds and fuel, 18% investment instruments and transport items and 13% consumer products.

These figures indicate a stability in imports of raw materials and consumer goods. The decline in the import of investment instruments, witnessed since the second quarter last year, appears to be petering out.

'High tech exports to double by 2000'

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

High tech exports will double from $7 billion to an annual $14b. by 2000, Chief Scientist Orna Berry said yesterday.

"The high tech industry is where we have strength," Berry said. "Unless we have a tremendous shortage of human resources, there's no reason we shouldn't meet this goal."

The high tech sector is currently growing by 30 percent a year.

High tech companies are also improving their marketing strategies, which should help boost exports, she said.

When she took office at the start of 1997, Berry said one of her goals was to force technology companies to improve their marketing skills by raising the criteria used in determining which entities would receive investment aid.

"Today companies are submitting business plans [to us] with more careful thought to product life cycles and customer demands," she said.

Berry said she is also offering investment aid to non-traditional high-tech companies in order to support companies that increase value-added margins by making manufacturing processes more efficient.

Meanwhile, Berry recently returned from a trip to the US, where she met with representatives from investment banks, including Salomon Brothers, Price Waterhouse, and Robertson & Stevens, in an effort to encourage them to invest in Israel's biotechnology companies.

Berry also met with David Schick, CEO of Schick Technologies, a New York-based manufacturer of digital radiographic imaging systems that is currently in talks to purchase an undisclosed Israeli company.

IAI, Fedex mull plane deal

By STEVE RODAN

Israel Aircraft Industries has begun discussions with Federal Express Corp. on building a cargo fleet of up to 100 planes for the huge Memphis-based package delivery service, IAI officials yesterday said.

Executives of the two companies are exploring the possibility of IAI building a medium-sized cargo jet in the $10 million-$12 million range that can carry up to five standard air cargo containers.

IAI spokeswoman Sylvia Bet-Halahmi stressed that the discussions are at a very early stage and nothing has been decided.

"The talks are in such an early stage that it's not worth relating to," she said. "Nothing has developed."

IAI executives said the discussions began when a Fedex delegation recently visited IAI's civilian engineering plant and explored the possibility of a medium-sized cargo plane. Such a plane would replaced Fedex's fleet of nearly 200 Boeing 727s.

IAI has developed the Astra and Galaxy executive jets, and the cargo plane suitable for Fedex would be somewhere in the middle in size, executives said.

"Fedex is looking for a manufacturer to do this," an IAI executive said. "They went to several companies as well as to us. We regard this as quite a compliment."

IAI executives said the proposal has not yet been brought to the board of directors. They said the company will have to explore such questions as the cost of development and manufacturing, sources of financing, and whether the market is sufficiently large to justify the project.

Ofer Anaby, a spokesman for Federal Express in Israel, was not available for comment. The company was expected to issue a statement last night.

According to Flight International's yearly listing of airline fleets, Fedex has 596 planes. The competitors for the development of a medium-sized cargo plane will most likely be Boeing and Airbus Industries.

'Reader's Digest' chief resigns

By KAREN FESSLER

PLEASANTVILLE, New York (Bloomberg) – Reader's Digest Association Inc. said yesterday that James Schadt, chairman and chief executive, had resigned, effective immediately.

Schadt, 59, will be replaced temporarily by former chief executive George Grune, 68, until a successor is found. Grune served as chief executive between 1984 and 1994, and retired as chairman in 1995.

The announcement comes as the publisher of *Reader's Digest* magazine struggles to attract younger customers to its magazines and books and stimulate growth in Europe, where sales have slowed. Reader's Digest last month halved its dividend and warned that fiscal 1997 earnings will be lower than expectations.

The company has said it plans to spend $400 million in four years on marketing and other initiatives to attract more customers, some of whom have been turned off by the company because it flooded the market with promotional mailings.

A search committee made up of outside directors was formed to search for a successor to Schadt, the company said.

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Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.625	0.750	1.000
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German mark	1.8848	1.9153	1.85	1.95	1.9025
Pound sterling	5.5837	5.6738	5.48	5.76	5.6259
French franc	0.5594	0.5685	0.54	0.58	0.5646
Japanese yen (100)	3.0224	3.0712	2.97	3.12	3.0491
Dutch florin	1.6727	1.6997	1.64	1.73	1.6883
Swiss franc	2.3023	2.3395	2.28	2.38	2.3247
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Danish krone	0.4848	0.5028	0.48	0.51	0.4996
Finnish mark	0.6311	0.6413	0.62	0.66	0.6368
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Australian dollar	2.5873	2.6291	2.54	2.67	2.6050
S. African rand	0.7506	0.7628	0.68	0.77	0.7566
Belgian franc (10)	0.9127	0.9275	0.89	0.95	0.9212
Austrian schilling (10)	2.6787	2.7220	2.63	2.76	2.7043
Italian lira (1000)	1.9324	1.9636	1.89	2.00	1.9495
Jordanian dinar	4.9397	5.0194	4.87	5.21	4.9950
Egyptian pound	1.0000	1.0800	1.00	1.08	1.0787
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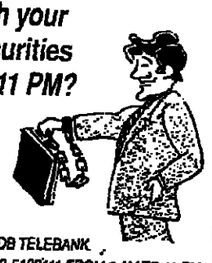
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Alberto Calo

On the day after the Mahaneh Yehuda market bombing, the business desk received a strange phone call. An anxious sounding man began talking about the horrors of the attack and how worried he was for his family living in Jerusalem.

When asked who he was, the man realized he had forgotten to introduce himself, apologized and then softly replied, "Alberto Calo."

Although businesspeople don't often let their emotions show, Calo's personal connection to Israel is the very reason the retail company VF has increased its investment here.

Earlier in the year, when Israel's Delta Galil Industries decided not to renew its contract to represent VF's labels, including Lee, Wrangler and JanSport products, the US-based company had to choose between finding another distributor or setting up a local subsidiary.

Calo, vice-president of business development and one of the company's highest ranking Jewish executives, pushed VF to make a direct investment in Israel.

"When peace comes, this will be the center of VF's business for all of the Middle East," said the Brussels-based executive.

Since taking the direct investment option, VF, one of the largest apparel manufacturers in the world, with annual turnover totaling $5.1 billion in 1996, has invested $5m. in the Israeli market. The local branch will employ some 40 people and, as of next year, will be responsible for overseeing VF's business interests in Jordan.

While the decision to invest directly in Israel reflects Calo's interest in supporting the local economy, it also fits VF's global strategy.

"It's more intelligent to go into a market by yourself," Calo said. "When we invest directly, we spend a lot more money to sell the goods than a distributor who is trying to get as much as possible for as little as possible during the duration of the contract."

By removing the middleman, a company gains control over the marketing and advertising, allowing the company to "make sure the brand is seen the right way," Calo said.

The company has already witnessed the strategy's benefits. After the fall of communism, VF established subsidiaries in the former communist bloc, invested heavily in advertising and then watched business boom, Calo said.

VF has succeeded in making Wrangler and Lee jeans household names in Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary as well as establishing manufacturing sites that can serve a wider area.

While plants in Ireland and Scotland will manufacturer most of the Lee and Wrangler jeans and JanSport knitware that will arrive in Israel in the next year, VF is anxiously awaiting the ratification of the free-trade agreement between Poland and Israel. The agreement will allow VF to reduce its operating costs by employing cheaper labor in Poland before delivering the goods to Israel tax-free.

All of this, Calo hopes, will help the company gain a bigger piece of the jeans market, which is 50 percent controlled by Levi's.

"It's very hard to fight with Levi's," said Calo, adding that he thinks VF can double its 8%-10% marketshare by the end of 1998.

While that goal may seem difficult to achieve, Levi's is no doubt concerned. After all, VF has succeeded in making Marithe & Francois Girbaud jeans a rage, Jantzen swim wear a beachfront staple and JanSport backpacks an omnipresent sight on college campuses across the US.

Evaluating the Labor force

Tony Blair's government wins business plaudits for its first 100 days in office

By MIKE PEACOCK

LONDON (Reuters) – Britain's Labor government has set a breakneck pace over its first 100 days in power, and academics, businesspeople and City experts all seem to agree it has done more good than harm.

With the economy racing along and a radical shake-up of Britain's monetary and regulatory frameworks already in the bag, there is much to admire.

But having gambled on a first budget that did little to restrain rampant high-street spending, bust could still follow boom as it always has in the past.

After only five days in office, Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown stunned industry and the markets by granting the Bank of England freedom to set interest rates, removing any temptation for the government to run monetary policy with one eye on the political scene.

Nearly everybody, apart from his Conservative predecessor Kenneth Clarke, welcomed the move.

"Gordon Brown has been very clever in passing the monetary buck, not least because the Bank has much more experience of handling monetary policy than him," said Andrew Sentance, head of the London Business School's Center for Economic Forecasting.

Clarke argued that handing over control of rates would lead to an over-eager central bank that would tighten policy to prohibitive levels in its determination to fend off inflation. But Sentance said that scenario was far from inevitable.

Base rates have been nudged up in three quarter-point moves to stand at 6.75 percent since Labor's landslide election win on May 1. Sentance said one more hike should do the trick.

Britain's service sector, enjoying near-boom conditions, certainly seems to be happy with Labor's start. The best thing Prime Minister Tony Blair's government could do is to keep the economy ticking along, said John Barraclough of the Liverpool-based design consultancy NonConform Design.

"In terms of interest rates and tax so far, I would give a fairly positive response," he said. He saw little sign of inflation. "Our suppliers may have upped prices a little, but it's still pretty competitive out there."

As soon as the ink was dry on Brown's monetary reforms, he announced a shake-up of the regulatory structure for the City of London.

A revamped Securities and Investment Board will oversee banks, insurance companies and securities firms replacing the previous clutch of regulators operating in tandem.

The Bank of England, which will give up its supervisory role over banking, accepted the change with gritted teeth. But after a string of high-profile disasters – the collapse of BCCI and Barings in particular – many thought reform was long overdue.

If Labor has fallen short of expectations so far, it was in Brown's budget and the lack of measures to curb high-street spending, fanned by £35 billion ($59b.) in free shares handed out to consumers by building societies converting into banks.

The budget only took about a billion pounds out of the consumer sector, small change compared with the flood of free shares sloshing around. That leaves the onus firmly on the Bank of England to use interest rates to stop the economy from overheating.

"The weakness of the budget's fiscal action to rein in the consumer will mean interest rates will have to rise to some 7.5 percent by the end of the year to prevent higher inflation," said John Gaster, chief economist of the Ernst & Young ITEM Club.

While buoyant service firms will be able to ride a few more rate rises, for Britain's battered manufacturers it is a different story. Already the pound – up more than 25% in a year – has pushed up export prices. Higher rates will tighten the screw further.

"Interest rates are causing us a lot of problems and will inevitably rise again," said Roger Luckock, chairman of A.E. Harris, a Birmingham-based engineering firm.

"Domestic demand has compensated so far, but our exports to Europe are a disaster," Luckock said. But he did not lay the blame at Labor's door.

Another key Labor election pledge was to overhaul the public finances and get them moving toward balance.

To do so, it has adopted restrictions on public spending and must overhaul the welfare state.

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The lion's share of an annual £100b. welfare bill goes on the state pension, but Brown's budget did nothing to promote private pensions, squeezing pension funds by removing their right to claim back advanced corporation tax (ACT).

"Hitting pension funds sent the wrong signal to people willing to make their own provisions," Sentance said.

Labor can point to the centerpiece of its manifesto – the welfare-to-work program, aimed at finding jobs for 250,000 young people – as proof of its desire to cut spending. "But it's one step forward on welfare-to-work, two steps back with ACT," Sentance said.

Labor's accession to power has certainly been welcomed in Europe. Labor quickly signed the Social Chapter, which guarantees minimum employment rights, something the Conservatives refused to do – signaling a fresh and constructive approach to the continent.

After the EU summit in Amsterdam, German officials described Blair as a "committed European." That was music to the ears of British business. With about two-thirds of British exports going to Europe, good relations are imperative.

So, Labor has won plaudits for freeing the Bank of England, shaking up the regulatory framework and pushing Britain back to the heart of Europe.

True, Brown's first budget leaves some questions, but he can take some comfort from the old cliché that a budget welcomed the day after is reviled six months later, and vice-versa.

But the problem that faced Labor on May 1 – the need to rebalance the economy split between the buoyant domestic and service sector and the more subdued manufacturing area – has not gone away.

Brown missed a trick by not confronting it in the July 2 budget. "The same dilemma remains at the end of their first 100 days as at the beginning – the pound versus consumer demand," Sentance said.

The voice of business was more charitable to the party that has abandoned socialist rhetoric for a more pro-business stance, but it still has concerns.

"I had few fears before the election and certainly don't have any now," Luckock said. "But I'm frightened of a repeat of the 1979 recession when the pound was last soaring like this."

◆ PEOPLE ◆

BY GREER FAY CASHMAN



(From left to right) Avi Pazner, Leah Rabin, Eva and Raphael Efrat, and Motti Omer (Sivan Farag)

Leah Rabin (second from left), Tel Aviv Mayor and Chairman of the Friends of the Tel Aviv Museum **Roni Milo**, along with the museum's director Prof. **Motti Omer** (right) were the guests of honor at an auction sale of Israeli art held in Cannes by the French Riviera Friends of the Tel Aviv Museum, in conjunction with Sotheby's of Chateau Notre Dame. Also present were Israel's ambassador to France **Avi Pazner** (far left), Israel consul in Marseilles **Raphael Efrat**, his wife **Eva** and several of the museum's Israeli supporters, most of them captains of industry, who specially flew to Cannes for the occasion. The sale fetched in excess of $250,000. In the course of the evening, Milo announced that a generous endowment to the museum will enable construction to begin on the new Mark Rich Wing.

Ephraim Lapid, until recently the communications adviser to the Minister of Education, and tipped to be the next director-general of Educational Television, has made a career move in a somewhat different direction. Lapid has replaced **Shulamit Katznelson** as director of Ulpan Akiva, the internationally renowned intensive study facility which has made hundreds of diplomats, tourists, academics and others proficient in Hebrew, Arabic or both. Ulpan Akiva, the Netanya-based institution founded by Katznelson soon after the establishment of the State, became her life's work, won many friends for Israel and earned her the Israel Prize. Lapid, a former IDF spokesman and before that the commander-in-chief of Army Radio, has several ideas for using Ulpan Akiva as a base to encourage increased dialogue between Arabs and Jews.

Eldor Computers has announced the appointment of **Yaron Huppert** as its deputy director of services. Huppert comes to Eldor from Scitex Europe where he worked for the past three years as service manager. Eldor is a wholly owned subsidiary of Teldor, which specializes in integrated systems and program development.

Daniel Gilboa has relinquished his position as vice-president of marketing and sales at IBM Israel to take up a new appointment as president and CEO at Or Yehuda-based OptiSystems Solutions, developer and marketer of systems management products. The appointment was announced by OptiSystems Chairman **Gerry Frankel**.

Dominic Vardi, a senior executive with Applicom, has been selected to stand at the head of the Israeli Telecommunications Management Network consortium, which will operate within the framework of the chief scientist's Magnet project. Magnet is an umbrella for the development of multipurpose projects and the determination of standards in fields related to the management of these projects in Israel.

Michael Chen, 36, who recently completed his term of duty as Israel Government Tourist Office representative in Scandinavia and Finland, has been named general manager of the Eilat Hotel Association. French-born Chen has been working in tourism since 1988 and, headed the Ministry of Tourism's office there until he was sent abroad.

General (Res.) **Yossi Peled** and **Ron Agron** have been appointed members of the board of directors of Israel Aircraft Industries. Peled, who spent three years as the chairman of the Second Channel for Television and Radio, is a partner in a company that builds roadside service stations and commercial centers and the owner of Oron, a financial consultancy. He also sits on the boards of several companies.

Agron, an engineer by profession, is the proprietor of El Al Engineering, which specializes in supplying equipment for air-conditioning systems. He is a member of the board of the Ramat Hasharon Economic Corporation and also sits on the Ramat Hasharon municipal council.

MOTORING

The Lion comes to Zion

Kia introduces the new 1.5-liter Leo, but its performance, design and price may leave its competitors with plenty of room to maneuver

By JOEL GORDIN



The first Korean-made Sephias that were sold in Israel had 1.6-liter engines. This meant that they competed directly with less expensive Japanese-made family-size automobiles like the Mazda 323 and the Suzuki Baleno. The Sephias were left behind in the sales race, due in no small part to the public's preference, for better or worse, of Japanese over Korean, when all other aspects are equal.

Local Kia dealers, Kia Motors, learned their lesson and are only importing the new Sephia, called the Leo, with a 1.5-liter engine, even though a 1.6 version is available in other countries. The 1.5 Leo's price competes mainly with other Korean-made automobiles such as the Hyundai Accent and the Daewoo Super Racer. Currently, the 1.5 Leo is only available in a hatchback (or five-door) model in two standards of trim: the SLX and the GLX, which I drove. The outside appearance design won't cause bystanders to stop and stare. They probably won't even realize the owner is driving a new car because the lines resemble those found on hatchbacks made quite a few years ago. Nowadays, the tendency is to make the hatchback more striking than the sedan (or four-door model), but the Leo is about as stylish as an old Egged bus.

However, the manufacturers have made a serious attempt to brighten up the inside. The innovative, short handbrake lever, the sky-blue racing-style dials on the dashboard and the smallish, comfortably padded steering wheel are all attractive and eye-catching. The upholstery has pretty colors and the seats are comfortable, thanks mainly to a generous use of sponge which, I suspect, won't remain bouncy and full of life for as long as most people would like to keep the automobile. The seating space is sufficient for four – maybe for four adults and a child or two adults and three children. The trunk's capacity is a modest 224 liters, 432 if the rear seats are folded forward. I enjoyed the powerful air conditioner with its large, user-friendly controls, however I did not like the way the windshield visors obstructed the front view when they were pulled down.

The list of standard comfort accessories on the GTX is impressive. It includes an air conditioner/heater, power steering, central door locking, electrically controlled side mirrors, a warning buzzer for the lights and ignition key, an indication light for the ignition switch, a utility box between the two front seats and inside controls to open the trunk and gasoline tank. All these features are not available on the cheaper SLX version, which sells for NIS 64,000. The sum of NIS 64,000 will also buy the manual-shift shift version of the GLX; the manual shift SLX costs NIS 59,000. The safety accessories are not quite so lavish. ABS braking is unavailable and airbags are only an option, for NIS 2,000 a pair.

The Leo's engine is built in Korea and not by Japan's Mazda, like the engines of the previous Sephias. On the positive side, its silence is most impressive, even in the high revs. In that respect, the Leo feels like quite the little limousine. The engine, on the other hand, lacks zest or what is known in Hebrew slang as *pilpul*. There are no manufacturer's figures for acceleration from 0-100 km./h. I calculated it at a tortoise-like 16 secs. (the figure for the previous Sephia was around 13 secs.). A lot of the blame lies with the slow-moving and jerky automatic shift. I did not test the manual-shift model, but am certain it has a nippier performance. The suspension is satisfactory on most roads, though on some of our bad roads, the bumps can be felt even through the layers of sponge in the seats. The road holding was somewhat spoiled by the behavior of the steering wheel, which was not as precise as one would expect from a 1998 automobile. After a couple of so-so experiences, I found myself thinking twice before going into tight bends at even moderate speeds.

The Leo is most suitable for those who want the most accessories for the least amount of money, and who view an automobile as simply an air-conditioned carriage to take them from one point to the next. Among its main competitors, the 1,500cc Hyundai Accent automatic is a couple of thousand shekels more in its luxury version, but that includes an airbag and ABS. The 1,500cc Daewoo Super Racer costs about the same as the Leo and the airbag is also only an optional extra. However, the Accent and the Nexia are only available in 1997 models.

If the Leo's price were NIS 10,000 less than a Baleno or Mazda 323, it might be a bargain. But those considering the Leo will be aware that for another NIS 5,000 they can purchase a Suzuki Baleno, a Mazda 323 or a Daihatsu Applause. Neither of these cars have "invented the wheel," so to speak, but they are tried, trusted and have excellent resale values.

SEPHIA LEO GLX ENGINE: 1,498cc
HORSEPOWER: 80.2 at 5,500 r.p.m.
TORQUE: 12.7 at 2,500 r.p.m.
GEARS: automatic
MAXIMUM SPEED: 171 km./h.
GASOLINE CONSUMPTION: 11.9 km./l. in town; 14.9 km./l. at 90 km./h.
PRICE: NIS 67,500

Not a driver's car

Local dealers Kia Motors have decided not to import the Leo in the 1.6-liter version, but they are, surprisingly, bringing out the model with the 1.8-liter engine.

The 1.8 Leo's 1,793cc engine generates 111 horsepower at 5,800 r.p.m. Its torque is 15.5 at 4,400 r.p.m. Maximum speed is said to be 184 km./h. and acceleration from 0-100 km./h. is rated as 15.3 secs. It is available only in a luxury trim which includes four power windows, electrically controlled side mirrors, central door locking, a driver's seat that can be adjusted for height and two front airbags.

The Kia is improving by leaps and bounds, but it remains a down-market car, both in reality and in image. However, while the Leo 1.5 has been marked with a competitive price, the 1.8-liter will sell for NIS 72,900 (manual) and NIS 77,000 (automatic).

The demand for 1.8-liter engines is growing, especially since the laws have changed so that annual registration is calculated according to price and not engine size. The cut-off prices for higher registration are NIS 81,000 and then NIS 100,000. In other words it costs as much to register a 1.6-liter as a 1.8-liter, as long as they are both priced under NIS 81,000. Insurance fees are also the same. As a result, many manufacturers have made an effort to decrease the price of their 1.8's below NIS 81,000. The best example is the 1.8-liter Peugeot 306 automatic, one of the finest cars on the road, which has been reduced to less than NIS 80,000.

It's hard to imagine a discerning buyer paying NIS 77,000 for the Leo when he can have the 306, a real "driver's car," for only NIS 3,000 extra. – *J.G.*

◆ THE CONFERENCE CIRCUIT ◆

BY GREER FAY CASHMAN

14.8 The Cotton Growers Marketing Board, the Association of Farm Workers and The Israel Management Center have joined forces to organize a **Study Day for Growers of Field Crops** at the Glilot Junction Country Club. Participants will learn about evolving trends in world markets; research and development; new technologies; and changes in crop management, work conditions and capital resources that will influence the growing of field crops over the next decade.

24.8 **The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the Hadar Insurance Company** will take place at the head office of Phoenix Insurance, 30 Levontin Street, Tel Aviv. Those attending will be asked to receive the financial, comptroller's and directors' reports, along with the memoranda of the auditors. They will also be asked to elect a new board of directors, appoint company auditors and approve their remuneration for 1997. They will be requested to approve the conditions of employment and the bonus of the director, who serves as the company's general manager.

25.8 A seminar for advertising, public-relations and business executives on **Advertising Companies and Products on Commercial Television** has been organized by Keshet, one of the three Channel 2 franchisees. Global communications experts Ira Carlin, vice-president and international media director at McCann Erickson, and Irwin Gotlier, president and CEO of Televest, will address the question of how to advertise on television in a competitive and saturated market during a people-meter era. The seminar will be held at the Dan Panorama convention center in Tel Aviv.

31.8 **The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Mula Center** will convene at the company's offices, 7 Ben-Zvi Street, Jaffa, where the first item on the agenda will be to elect a chairman to conduct the meeting. This will be followed by the appointment of a board of directors and the determination of their remuneration. Shareholders will then be presented with financial, directors' and auditors' reports.

8.9 **Estimating Company Worth and Opportunities for Investment** is the subject of a seminar initiated by Ma'ariv Congresses. Speakers at the event, which is being held at Gan Oranim in the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds, will examine different approaches to assessing company worth and will also look at the value of net assets vs. market value as criteria for investment.

15.9 Three conferences taking place on three consecutive days, beginning on September 16, will be held within the framework of **Plasto, the International Fair for Plastic and Rubber Products**. The four-day event will take place at the Israel Trade Fairs and Convention Center at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds. The themes of the three conferences are: plastics in packaging applications, plastics in agricultural applications, and developments in rubber and elastomers. The fair will exhibit products for a wide variety of uses in fields such as medicine, construction, agriculture, food, textiles, computers, electronics, home equipment and utensils.

25.9 The crisis in the health-care system has prompted the Israel Management Center's Health Administration Forum to organize a seminar on **Preferences and Allocations in the Field of Health Services**. The seminar, which will be held at the Holiday Inn, Tel Aviv, will be moderated by Prof. Dan Michaeli, chairman of the Board of the Clalit Sick Fund. Speakers will include Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, plus senior representatives of the Treasury, the Health Ministry, sick funds and medical centers.

13.10.98 What's in a name? Plenty if it's jinxed. **The Jerusalem Business Conference** scheduled for October this year has been cancelled due to the dearth of participation from abroad. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, who doesn't want to kiss the conference goodbye forever, has proposed to change its name to **The Prime Minister's Business Conference**, which lends it just a little more prestige, in an effort to attract more overseas interest than its hapless predecessor. The opening date has been set, and if the event proves to be successful, it may well crown Olmert's campaign for reelection.

ISRAELI SHARES IN NEW YORK

AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	47	+0
Ampal American Israel	5.875	-0.125
Etz Lavud	8.5625	+0.0625
Etz Lavud Cl A	7.5	+0.125
Integrated Technology	1.6875	0
Carmel Containers Sys	8.5	+0

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
Accent Software	2.875	+0.8125
A.G. Associates	6.75	-0.5
Aladdin	12.875	+0
Ampal	17.5	-0.3125
Aral	1.75	-0.125
Arzam	1.0625	0
Better Online Solutions	3.625	-0.5
Bio Technology General	11.6875	-0.1875
B.V.R. Technologies	9.4375	-0.25
Checkpoint Software	24.375	-0.375
Cimatron	5.625	0
Comverse Technology	48	-2
Crystal Systems Solutions	28.125	-1.5
Fourth Dimension Software	17.125	+0
D.S.P. Communications	18.125	+0.6875
D.S.P.G. Group	19.875	-0.5
D.S.P.T. Tech	5.75	+0
Defense Software Systems	8.375	-0.1875
ECI Telecom	32.125	+0.25
Edusoft	6.375	+0
Electric Fuel	6.375	+0
Electronics for Imaging	54.1875	+0.0625
Elbit Computers	3.25	-0.0625
Elron Electronics	16.875	-0.25
Elbit Medical Imaging	7.5	+0
E.S.C. Medical Systems	33	-0.5
Elbit Systems Ltd	15.25	+0.1875
Eltek Circuit Boards	2	0
Elbit Vision Systems	12.75	+0.375
M-Systems Flash Disk	5.75	+0.0625
Gilat Satellite Networks	34.5	-0.375
Genesis Bnla	6.8125	+0.3125
Geotack	4.875	-0.09375
Healthcare Technologies	0.375	+0
Home Center	6	+0
I.C.T.S.	8.75	+0
Idan Software Industries	9.25	-0.875
IIC Industries	44.25	0
I.I.S. Intelligent Info	1.26	+0
Israel Land Develop - ADR	18.3125	0
Indigo	5.4375	-0.1875
First Israel	14.8125	-0.3125
Isramco	0.625	+0
Laser Technologies	15.75	-0.25
Lan Optics	5.5	+0
Logal	1.1875	-0.0625
Level Systems	16.375	-0.5
Madge	6.59375	+0.53125
Magal Security Systems	5	+0.25
Matav	20	-0.125
Medis El	8.125	+1
Memco	18.625	-0.375
Mercury	19.75	+0.5
Magic Software Enterprises	5.125	+0.0625
Netmanage	3.4375	+0.125
Nice Systems	35.875	-1.375
Neuro-Medical Systems	4.125	+0
Nur Tecnology	1.28125	+0.03125
Nexus	-	-
Opti Systems Solutions	3.375	+0
Orbotech	41.25	-0.875
Orckit	13.375	-0.25
Oshap Technologies	8.4375	-0.125
Pamos	1.875	-0.09375
Rada Electronics Ind	1.96875	+0.09375
Ariely Advertising	3.3125	-0.375
Eshed Robotec (1982) Ltd	0.84375	-0.03125
Scitex Corporations	11.3125	+0.1875
Silcom	6.625	+0.125
ISG Intl Software Group	9.75	-0.25
Summit Design	12.25	+0.125
Sapiens International	6.875	+0.25
Scanvec	2.25	+0
Taro Vit Ind	7	+0
Tat Technologies	1.5	+0.03125
Technomatix Technologies	33.4375	-0.1875
Teva	56.125	-3.875
Top Image Systems	3.875	-0.25
Teledata Communications	38.75	-0.625
Tower Semiconductor	18.75	-0.75
Tadiran Telecomm	21.25	+0.25
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	4	+0.125
TVG Technologies	1.375	-0.0625
Vocaltec	13	+0.375
Wiz Tec Solutions	7.625	+0.375
Zag Industries Ltd	9.625	-0.25
Zoran Corporation	18.125	-0.375

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Blue Square	15.9375	+0.0625
Elscint	8.5625	+0
PEC Israel Economic Corp	22	-0.1875
Koor	20.8125	-0.25
Simula Inc	22.625	+0.1875
Tadiran	32.125	+0

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 12-AUG-97)

*in US dollars

MISHTANIM LEADING 100 TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Al Paper Mills	16474.0	-1.3
Ackerstein Ind	455.0	-2.8
Africa Hotels	565.0	-2.8
Africa Israel 0.1	26021.0	-3.0
Africa Israel 1	229349.0	-1.5
Agan	9293.0	-0.5
Ags	3941.0	-2.0
Azorim	4253.0	-4.0
Bank Leumi 0.1	583.0	-3.0
Baran	3138.0	0.0
Bezeq	1020.0	-0.5
Blue Square	3409.0	-1.5
Bromine	2534.0	0.0
Carmel	3256.0	-3.8
Clal Computers	12116.0	0.0
Clal Electronics	51435.0	-3.8
Clal Industries	2024.0	-2.7
Clal Insurance	4452.0	0.0
Clal Israel 1	116.0	-0.4
Clal Trade	0.0	0.0
Cold Storage 5	9471.0	0.0
Compu	412.0	-0.5
Dead Sea Works 0.1	1145.0	0.0
Delek 0.1	12263.0	0.0
Delek Car	0.0	0.0
Delek Mobil	608.0	0.0
Development Mort	30165.0	0.5
Discount 01	43.7	0.0
Discount Bank	384.0	-0.3
Discount Inv.	33031.0	1.0
Elbit 0.003	1155.0	-2.0
Elbit Imaging	2637.0	-0.3
Elbit system	5223.0	0.2
Elco	2755.0	-4.7
Electra	15578.0	-2.7
Electra App	2167.0	0.0
Elite Ind. 5	9728.0	0.0
Elkam	429.0	-0.2
Elron 0.003	5896.0	-2.0
Export Inv.	1455.0	0.0
FIBI 5	66493.0	-2.5
Feuchtwanger 5	67014.0	0.0
First Int'l 1	49612.0	-1.5
First Int'l 5	268711.0	0.7
Formula	7759.0	-4.5
General Bank	11844.0	-4.0
Hapoalim 0.1	828.0	-0.7
Harel Mishmar 5	20797.0	-2.0
I.D.B. Dev.	8344.0	-1.3
I.D.B. Holdings	6020.0	-2.5
ILDC	2076.0	-3.5
Ind Bldgs	710.0	-2.2
Israel Chemicals	426.0	-1.4
Israel Corp. 1	24736.0	0.0
Israel Corp. 5	107517.0	0.0
Isramco	3.6	0.0
JEC	2354.0	-0.5
Kardan 5	2256.0	-5.0
Kitan	455.0	-8.9
Koor	37380.0	0.0
Koor Bond 5	146.5	0.0
Leumi Insurance	270.0	0.0
Leumi Mortgage	103185.0	-1.5
Liraz	3846.0	-0.2
Makhteshim	2330.0	-0.8
Malibu 5	7018.0	-3.0
Maritime Bank	1786.0	-1.5
Mashov	264.0	-3.6
Matav	3521.0	0.0
Mehadrin	13028.0	-2.3
Middle East Tube	0.0	0.0
Mishkan	58868.0	1.2
Mivtach Shamir	2688.0	8.7
Motlet	211.0	-3.2
Mol-T-Lock	0.0	0.0
Nice Systems	12820.0	-3.7
Ormat Industries	639.0	-0.5
Osem Industries	2001.0	0.0
Otzar Hashilton	14822.0	-2.5
Packer Steel	9555.0	0.0
Periclase	1750.0	3.5
Petrochemicals	2608.0	-1.7
Phoenix Ins. 1	5930.0	-2.0
Poalim Inv.	14686.0	-5.5
Polgat B 4	1355.0	-0.2
Prop & Bldg	32383.0	-4.0
Rogosin	2156.0	-0.5
Salt Industries	1117.0	1.0
Secom	380.0	-5.9
Shekem	108.0	0.0
Supersol	1197.0	-1.2
TAT 5	1539.0	1.7
Tadiran	11498.0	0.0
Tambour	0.0	0.0
Team Computers	5873.0	-2.0
Telehot	283984.0	0.0
Teuza insured	0.0	0.0
Teva	20832.0	-1.3
United Steel	275.0	-8.3
Urdan	358.0	-1.1
Wire and Cables	1349.0	1.5
Ytong Industries	1018.0	-0.3

*In percentage points

INTERNATIONAL SHARES

NEW YORK

	LAST	CHANGE*
Aiza	30.4375	-0.9375
AMP Inc	51.5	+0.25
AMR Corp	105.938	-0.5
ASA	31.75	+0.125
Abbott Labs	64.0625	+0.125
Advanced Micro	35.5625	-0.5
Aetna Life	97.75	+0.125
Affiliated Publ	15.5	-0.125
Aflac	53.5	+0.0625
Ahmanson (HF)	49.9375	+0.25
Air Prods	83.625	-0.25
Alberto-Culv B	28	+0.125
Albertson's	35.875	+0.25
Alcan Aluminum	38	-0.0625
Alex & Alex	-	-
Allegheny Power	28.4375	+0.25
Allied Signal	91.25	+1.25
Alcoa	85.8125	-0.875
Amax	42.4375	+0
Amdahl Corp	11.8125	+0
Amerada Hess	58.9375	+1.4375
Amer Brands	-	-
Amer El Power	43.5	+0.8125
Amer Express	82.1875	+1.75
Amer Genl Corp	51.9375	+0.75
Amer Greeting	34.3125	+0.4375
Amer Home Pr	78	-0.5
Amer Intl	99.75	+0.5
Amer Natl Ins	99	+0
Amer Power Conv	26.875	-0.9375
Amer Stores	23.5	+0.125
Amer T & T	41.6875	+1.25
Ameritech	68.8125	+2.4375
Ametek Inc	23.25	-0.0625
Amgen	57.125	-0.25
Amoco	95.8125	+2.3125
Analog Devices	30.75	-0.5625
Anheuser-Busch	44.1875	+0.6875
Aon Corp	53.3125	+0.5625
Apple Computer	24.5625	-2.25
Applied Magnetics	34.875	-0.6875
Applied Materials	89.5	-1.75
Archer Daniels	22.8125	+0.0625
Armco	5.625	+0.125
Armstrong World	73.8125	+0.25
Asarco	32.9375	-0.25
Ashland Coal	28.5625	+0.1875
Ashland Oil	51.25	-0.25
AST Research	5.3125	-0.125
Atlantic Rchfld	76.8125	+2.0625
Auto Data Pro	47.1875	+0.0625
Autodesk	43.4375	-0.5
Avery Dennison	43.5	+0.3125
Avnet Inc	69.5625	-0.5
Avon Products	66.9375	-1.875
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Barnco Corp	9.625	+0.875
Baker Hughes	42.375	-0.125
Ball Corp	32.0625	+0.375
Baltimore Gas	27.1875	+0.4375
Banc One Corp	53	+1.0625
Bandag	53.5	+0.5
BankAmerica	68.875	-0.625
Bank of Boston	85	+0.8125
Bank of New Yk	46.8125	+0.9375
Bankers Trst NY	100.188	+1.4375
Barnett Banks	54.3125	+0.4375
Battle Mount Gd	5.9375	+0.1875
Bausch & Lomb	42.9375	-0.5625
Baxter Intl	54.5	-1.375
Bay Network	31.4375	-0.1875
Becton Dickinson	48.1875	-0.3125
Bell Atlantic	75.75	+2.5625
Bell Industries	17.9375	-0.375
BellSouth	48.125	-2.125
HA Belo Corp	45.25	+0.1875
Beneficial Corp	72	+0.8125
Bethlehem Steel	11.9375	-0
Beverly Entprs	15.75	-0.0625
Biomet	19.75	+0.3125
Black & Decker	41.625	-0.125
Boeing	59.0625	+0.5625
Boise Cascade	37.5625	+0.875
Bowater Inc	53	+0.0625
Briggs & Strtn	49.4375	+0.375
Brstl Myrs Sqb	75.5625	-1.5625
Brit Airws ADR	101.625	-0.5
Brit Steel ADR	27.6875	+0.4375
Brit Telecom	70.4375	+2
Brooklyn Union	29.75	+0.3125
Brown Group	16.9375	-0.125
Brown & Sharpe	13.625	-0.5625
Browning Ferris	35.3125	+0.5625
Brunswick	31.5625	-0.1875
Burlington Nthn	92.75	-0.75
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CBS Inc	35.25	+0
CMS Energy Corp	35.5	+0.0625
CPC Intern	92.5625	-0.1875
CSX Corporation	59.6875	+0.125
Cabot Corp	28.5625	+0.5
Campbell Soup	49.6875	+1
Capitol Cts ABC	80.375	+0.25
Carolina Pwr Lt	34.9375	+0.4375
Carpenter Tech	47.4375	-0.125
Caterpillar	59.1875	+0.8125
Centerior Energy	11.25	+0
Centex Corp	52.75	-0.5625
Central & SW	20	+0.1875
Cendian	43.4375	+0.3125
Champion Intl	62.1875	+0.8125
Chrng Shoppes	5.5625	-0.0625
Chase Manhattan	108.75	+1.3125
Chevron Corp	80.0625	-2.375
Chiquita Brands	14.375	+0
Chrysler	36.3125	+0.125
Chubb Corp	68.8125	+1.3125
Cisco	75.4375	-1.6875
Citicorp	136.125	-2.125
Clevld Cliffs	42.875	-0.0625
Clorox	136.375	+1.625
Coastal Corp	55.3125	-0.4375
Coca Cola	61.6875	-1
Coca Cola Ent	28.375	-1.5625
Colgate Palmolv	69.8125	-0.1875
Comcast Corp A	23.625	+0.3125
Compaq	58.9375	-2
Compute Ass Intl	66.625	-0.5
Computer Sci	79.5	+0
Conagra	68.875	+1.9375
Cons Edison	31.25	+0.625
Cons Freightwys	35.5	-0.4375
Cons Nat Gas	58.0625	+1.3125
Cons Rail	-	-
Cooper Inds	56.8125	+0.375
Coors (Adolph)	31.5	+0.375
Corning Inc	63.1875	+0.6875
Crane	46.5625	+0.9375
Crompton Knowles	26.125	+0.9375
Crown Cork Seal	51.9375	-1.1875
Cummins Engine	79.875	-0.6875
Curtiss-Wright	70.375	-0.375
Cypress Semicon	15.875	-0.0625
Cyprus Mineral	25.8125	-0.3125
Cytec Indust	40.5625	-0.375
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DQE	31.5	-0.0625
Dana Corp	46.1875	-0.5625
Data General	30.125	+0.125
Dayton Hudson	61.1875	-0.375
De Beers	36.875	+0.125
Deere	56.9375	+1.5
Delm Pwr & L	17.9375	-0.0625
Dell Computers	75.75	-3.875
Delta Air Lines	88.4375	+0.8125
Deluxe Corp	34.3125	+0.5625
Detroit Edison	29.75	+0.8125
Dial Corp Del	16.4375	+0.1875
Diebold Inc	48.5625	+0.5
Digital Equip	44.8125	+1.0625
Dillard Dep St	39.6875	-0.0625
Disney (Walt)	79.625	-0.4375
Dominion Res	36.5625	+0.5
Donelley (RR)	40.1875	+0.75
Dover Corp	69.9375	+0.125
Dow Chemicals	94.9375	+1.8125
Dow Jones	42.875	+1
Dresser	40.375	-0.25
DSC Comm	26.875	-0.375
Duke Power	49.875	+0.625
Dun & Bradst	28.125	+0.75
Du Pont	67.8125	+0.3125
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E G & G Corp	20.6875	+0.6875
Eastern Ents	36.125	+0.5625
Eastman Kodak	65.75	-0.875
Eaton Corp	87.625	+0.125
Echlin Inc	35.875	+0
Emerson Elec	59.8125	+1.5625
Engelhard Corp	21.4375	-0.625
Enron Corp	36.75	-0.125
Enserch Corp	-	-
Entergy Corp	25.4375	+0
Enzo Biochem	15.4375	+0.3125
Ericsson	45.9375	+0.5625
Ethyl Corp	8.9375	-0.0625
Exxon	62.875	+1.3125
Exxon	62.875	+1.3125
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FMC Corp	88.9375	+2.125
FPL Group	47.8125	+0.625
Fedders Corp	8.1875	-0.0625
Federal Exprss	63.9375	+1.125
Federal Mogul	36	+0.4375
Fed Nat Mtge	44.4375	+0.3125
Fieldcrest Can	26.0625	+0.6875
First Bank Sys	-	-
First Chicago	75.625	+1.3125
First Union	47.5625	+0.6875
Fruit of the Loom	26.3125	+0.0625
Fst Union Rlty	13.375	-0.125
Fleet Finl Grp	67.125	+1
Fleetwd Enterp	31.375	+0.1875
Fleming Cos Ok	18.125	+0.125
Florida Prog	32.0625	+0.75
Fluor Corp	60.9375	+0.9375
Food Lion Inc	7.21875	+0
Ford Motor	41.125	+0.125
Foster Wheeler	45.375	+0.75
Freeport McMor	14.1875	+0
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Galoob Toys	22.125	+0.0625
Gateway 2000	-	-
GATX Corp	58.625	-0.625
GTE Corp	47.75	+0.75
Gannett	98.0625	+0.5625
Gap Inc Del	44	+0.375
Gencorp	27.375	+0.125
Gen Am Invest	24.6875	+0.125
Gen Dynamics	86.625	+1.3125
Gen Electric	67.4375	+0.375
Gen Mills	69.75	+0.75
Gen Motors	61.375	-1.375
Gen Motors H	63.5625	+0.3125
Gen Public Utl	34.4375	+0.375
Gen Reinsurnce	199.5	+3.5
Gen Signal	48	+0.3125
Gen DataComm	7.75	-0.0625
Genuine Parts	32.4375	-0.0625
Georgia Pac	94.25	+1.25
Gillette	93.6875	+0.6875
Glaxo ADR	41	-0.125
Golden W Finl	82.3125	+3.25
Goodrich (BF)	45	+0.0625
Goodyear Tire	64.625	+0.25
Grace (W&R)	64.6875	+2.8125
Grainger (WW)	95.4375	+1.8125
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26.75	+0.125
Grt Central Mine	5.6875	-0.125
Grt Western Finl	-	-
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Halliburton	45	-0.5625
Hanna (MA)	25.75	-0.375
Harcourt	47.375	+0.1875
Harley Davidson	52.875	-0.25
Harnischfeger	42.75	+0.375
Harrah's Ent	21	-0.125
Harris Corp	82.8125	-1.125
Harsco Corp	44.375	+0.1875
Hartmarx	7.5	+0.125
Hasbro	28.25	-1
Hecla Mining	5.5625	+0.125
Heinz (HJ)	44.25	+0.625
Helix Technol	51.3125	-0.5625
Hmrch & Payne	66.25	-0.25
Hercules	52.875	-0.3125
Hershey Foods	57.3125	+4.8125
Hewlett Packard	66.625	-0.4375
Hilton Hotels	30.875	+0
Hirsch Intl	23.25	-1.625
Hollinger	12.8125	+0
Home Depot	49.25	+0.75
Homestake	14.3125	+0.125
Honeywell	72.625	-0.0625
Hormel (Geo)	28.3125	-0.5625
Household Intl	120.5	+0.4375
Houston Inds	22	+0.375
Humana	23.875	+0.4375
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IBM	103	-2.25
Illinova Corp	22.875	-0.0625
Illinois Tool	48.875	+0.3125
INCO	29.6875	-0.5
Ingersoll Rand	62.8125	-0.0625
Inland Steel	22.375	+0.25
Intel Corp	96.125	-1.6875
Intergraph	9.875	+0.125
Interlake	5.75	-0.125
Intl Fmly EntB	34.5625	-0
Intl Flav & Fr	52.625	+0.875
Intl Multifoods	27.75	+0.25
Intl Paper	57.3125	+1.6875
Interpublic	46.8125	-0.5625
ITT Corp	64.1875	+0.4375
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James River Ba	43.9375	+1.4375
Jefferson Plt	69.25	-0.1875
Johnson & J	58.3125	-1
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K Mart	11.375	-0.125
Kaiser Alum	14.875	+0
Kellogg	96.75	-0.9375
KLA Instruments	61.3125	-0.9375
Kennametal	48.375	+0.4375
Kerr-McGee	62.5625	+0.6875
KeyCorp	60.875	+1.5625
Kimberly-Clark	51.1875	+0.9375
King World Prod	39.8125	+0.125
Knight Ridder	51.125	+0.8125
Kroger	29.6875	+0.125
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LSI Logic	32.625	+0.0625
Leggett & Platt	46.25	+0.1875
Leucadia Natl	32.3125	+0.375
Lilly (Eli)	108.688	-4
Limited Inc	22.625	+0.6875
Linear Technol	64.875	-2.5625
Lincoln Nat	68.9375	+0.375
Litton	49.4375	-0.25
Liz Claiborne	47.3125	+0.1875
Lockheed Corp	108.375	+1.5625
Loews Corp	102.938	+1.1875
Lone Star	51.4375	-0.5625
Long Island Lt	24.5625	+0.0625
Longs Drug Strs	26.6875	+0.3125
Loral Corp	15.5625	-0.6875
Louisiana Land	74.8125	+1.5625
Louisiana Pacif	23.0625	-0.0625
Lowe's Cs Inc	37	+0.0625
Lucent Tech	83.25	-2.0625
Lubrizol	42.6875	+0.5
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Madge	6.59375	+0.53125
MCI Commun	34	+0.625
Mallinckrodt	35.5	+0
Manor Care	32	-0.3125
Mapco Inc	30.6875	+0.25
Marriott	67	-0.4375
Mrsh & McLn	73.5	+0.4375
Marvel	2.375	+0.0625
Masco Corp	46.5625	-0.4375
Massmutual Corp	40.8125	-0.3125
Mattel Inc	33.5625	-0.5625
Maytag Corp	28.875	-0.125
McDermott	31.1875	+0.25
McDonalds	51.625	+0.0625
McGraw Hill	65.0625	-0.125
McKesson Corp	87.0625	-1.875
Mead Corp	72.125	+1.1875
Medtronic	93.4375	-1.1875
Mellon Bk	47.25	+0.25
Mentor Graphics	10	-0.0625
Mercantile Strs	65.5625	+0
Merck Inc	95.5	-3.3125
Meredith Corp	29.4375	+1.375
Merrill Lynch	65.9375	+0.5625
Micron Technol	55.125	-1.625
Microsoft Corp	138.25	-1.75
Millipore	44.375	-0.0625
Mine Safety Apn	63.5	+1.5
Minnesota Mine	95.0625	+0.25
Mitchell Energy	23.8125	+0.25
Mobil Corp	76.5625	+3.6875
Mobile Telecom	12.9375	+0.0625
Molex Inc	37.125	-1.375
Monarch Macht	8.3125	-0.125
Monsanto	48	-0.75
Morgan (JP)	113.438	+2.75
Morningstar Grp	33.5	+0.625
Morton Intl	32.6875	+0.9375
Motorola Inc	79.9375	-0.25
Murphy Oil	53.4375	+0.75
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Nacco Inds	74.1875	+2.4375
Nalco Chemical	40.125	+0.75
Nashua Corp	10.3125	-0.1875
Natl City Corp	58.5	+1.4375
Natl Semi	33.125	-0.875
Natl Serv Ind	45.9375	+0.125
NatWest Bank	78.375	+0.875
Navistar Intl	20.375	-0.5
Netscape	40.75	-0.5
New England El	38.75	+0.5
News Corp	17.5625	-0.0625
NY State El Gas	26	+0
NY Times A	47.875	+0.3125
Newmont Mining	42.875	-0.25
Niag Mohawk	9.1875	+0.25
Nicor Inc	36.5	+0.6875
Nike Inc	60.25	+1.1875
NL Industries	12.4375	-0.625
Noble Affl	43.375	+0.5625
Nokia	84.75	+1.0625
Nordstrom	57.875	+0.125
Norfolk Southn	107.75	-0.25
Northeast Util	9.9375	+0.3125
Novell	8.8125	-0.1875
Nthn State Pwr	50.625	+1.0625
Northrop	115.25	+1.75
Norwest Corp	60.625	+0.875
NSI	4.125	+0
Nynex Corp	57.875	+2.125
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Occidental Pet	24.9375	+0.125
Ogden Corp	21.75	+0.25
OEA	37.8125	-0.25
Ohio Casualty	46.375	-0.625
Ohio Edison	22.125	+0.25
Olin Corp	44.125	+0.0625
Omnicom Group	68.9375	-0.25
Oneok Inc	33.375	-0.125
Oracle Systems	57	-0.375
Oryx Energy Co	24.8125	-0.1875
Oshkosh B'gosh	21.8125	+0.1875
Outboard Marine	17.9375	+0.1875
Overseas Ship	23.3125	-0.5
Owens Corning	42.9375	+0.875
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PHH Group	-	-
PNC Financial	44	+1.1875
PPG Industries	64.75	+0.4375
Paccar Inc	47.625	+1.875
Pacificorp	21.25	+0.6875
Pac Enterprises	32.5	+0.5
Pac Gas & Elect	24.0625	+0.125
Pac Telesis	-	-
Pall Corp	24.875	+0.125
Panh Eastern	-	-
Parker Drilling	12.625	-0.125
Parker Hannifin	88.25	+0.5
Penney(JC)	59.125	+0.5
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	20.5625	+0.375
Pennzoil	77.125	+0.8125
People's Energy	38.625	+0.5625
Pepsico	38.1875	+0.6875
Perkin Elmer	80.25	-1.875
Pfizer	54.8125	-0.5
Pharmacia & Upj	36.5625	+0.4375
Phelps Dodge	86.75	+0.8125
Philadel Elec	22.875	+0.375
Philip Morris	45.6875	+1.0625
Philips Elec	78.25	-2.125
Phillips Pet	48.6875	+0.75
Pioneer Hi Bred	87.375	-1.25
Pitney Bowes	77.625	+0.6875
Policy Mgt Sys	54.625	+0.125
Polycom	4.875	-0.125
Potash Corp	75.0625	+0
Potomac El Pwr	22.75	+0.25
Procter & Gamble	145.563	+2.6875
Pub Svc Enterpr	24.6875	+0.5625
Pug Snd Pwr	26.25	+0
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Quaker Oats	48.625	-0.4375
Qualcom	45.375	-0.75
Quanex Corp	32.125	+0.3125
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RJR Nabisco	34	+0.9375
Ralston Purina	91	+2.25
Rank Orgnsn ADR	11.25	+0.125
Raychem Corp	93.9375	-0.25
Raytheon	57.375	+0.375
Reebok Intl	50.8125	+0.4375
Reynolds Reyn A	19.0625	+0.25
Reynolds Metals	75.125	-2.0625
Rite Aid Corp	51.8125	-0.75
Roadway Services	36.4375	-0.1875
Rockwell Intl	64.5	+1.0625
Rohm & Haas	98.5	+1
Rohr Industries	23.8125	-0.125
Rouse	28.4375	-0.875
Rowan	31.5625	-0.25
Royal Dutch	54.75	+1.0625
Rubbermaid	26.5	-0.0625
Ruddick	14.8125	-0.125
Russell Corp	29.4375	+0.375
Ryder System	36	+0.125
Rymer Co	-	-
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SPS Technology	81.75	-0.625
Safeco Corp	48.0313	+1.53125
Safety-Kleen	19.125	+0.25
St Paul's Cos	75.3125	+0.875
Salomon Inc	63.125	-0.125
San Diego Gas	23.5625	-0.125
Sara Lee Corp	42.625	+0.3125
Schering Plough	49.9375	-1.4375
Schlumberger	74.875	-0.4375
Scientif Atlanta	22.9375	+0.875
Scripps	39.5	+0.5
Seagate Tech	42.375	-0.8125
Seagram	38.0625	-0.125
Sears Roebuck	62.1875	-0.375
Sensormatic Elec	12.875	+0.1875
Service Corp I	32.125	+0
Service Master	24.375	+1
Shared Medical	49.375	-0.5
Shell Trans	42.5625	+0.625
Sherwin Wlms	30.8125	-0.1875
Shoney's Inc	5.9375	-0.125
Sigma Aldrich	34.25	+0.4375
Silicon Graphics	27.75	+0.875
Skyline Corp	25.5	-0.3125
Smith Intl	71.125	-1.6875
SmKline Bchm A	90.1875	-1.625
Snap-On-Tools	42.375	+1
Sonat	46.8125	-0.0625
Sonocco Prods	32.75	-0.3125
Sony Corp ADR	89.5	-2.75
Southdown	48.8125	-1.1875
Southern Co	21.6875	+0.3125
Sth N. Eng Tel	40.375	+0.3125
Southw Airlines	29.1875	+0.75
Southwestn Bell	58	-0.3125
Spring Inds	46.75	+0.25
Sprint Corp	49.75	+1.9375
Standard Prods	26.375	+0.1875
Stanley Works	44.5	+1
Stone Container	17	+0
Storage Technol	48.75	-1.1875
Stratus Comp	55.0625	-1.1875
Sun America	0.875	0
Sun Company	36.5625	-0.4375
Sundstrand	61	+1.1875
Sun Microsystms	47.875	-1.375
Suntrust	62.625	+1.25
Supervalu	39.8125	+0.25
Symantec	23.875	-0.75
Sysco Corp	35.75	-0.1875
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TJX Cos Inc	28.75	-0.3125
TRW Inc	56.6875	+0.1875
Tab Products	10.125	+0.125
Tambrands	-	-
Tandem Comp	30.4375	-0.6875
Tandy Corp	64.5	+1.8125
Telecom Corp	18.5	+0.4375
Telefonas de Mex	53.0625	-0.75
Temple Inland	68.3125	+0.25
Tenneco	47	+0.1875
Teradyne	46.9375	-2.9375
Tesoro Pet	16.375	+0.1875
Texaco	115	+2.125
Texas Instruments	122.25	-1.75
Texas Utilities	34.75	+0.6875
Textron	66.75	+0.5625
Thiokol	79.5625	+0.9375
Thomas & Betts	58.1875	+0.625
ThreeCom	54.5625	-0.9375
Time Warner	52.625	-0.3125
Times-Mirror	50.375	+0.875
Timken	36.25	+0.4375
Torchmark	38.1875	+1
Tosco Corp	31.625	-0.875
Total Pet N Am	10.3125	+0.0625
Toys R Us	34.125	+0.375
Transamerica	98.8125	+1.25
Transco Energy	57	-1
Travellers Grp	67.375	+1.25
Tribune	51.5	+0.5
TRINOVA Corp	-	-
Triton Energy	39	-0.25
TWA	7.5	-0.375
Tyco Labs	77.8125	-0.3125
Tyler	2.25	+0.0625
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UAL Corp	78.25	-1.0625
USG Corp	45.8125	-0.375
UST Inc	29.1875	+0.125
USX Marathon	31.8125	+0.4375
USX-US Steel	35.4375	+0.3125
Unicom Corp	23.3125	+0.5625
Unilever NV	123.125	+0.25
Union Camp	60.625	+1.5625
Union Carbide	54.9375	-0.375
Union Electric	37.8125	+0.625
Union Pacific	70.375	-0.4375
Unisys Corp	10.5625	+0.375
USAIR Group	37.9375	+0.0625
USF&G Corp	22.875	+0.375
US Home	32.9375	-0.0625
US Life	-	-
US Robotics	-	-
US Surgical	34.25	+0.125
US Trust	52.5	+0.625
US West	38.25	+0.9375
United Tech	82.0625	-0.125
Unocal Corp	39.5625	+0.125
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VF Corp	90.3125	+3.125
Valero Energy	-	-
Varian Assoc	58	-0.625
Viacom Inc	30.5	+0.1875
Vishay	25.25	-0.75
Vulcan Materials	86.1875	+0
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Wachovia	63.6875	+1.125
Walgreen	28.625	+0.1875
Wal-Mart Stores	37	-0.0625
Warner-Lambert	132.25	-3.875
Wash Gas Light	24.5	+0
Washington Post	420.625	-4.25
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32	-0.3125
Watkins-Johnson	39.8125	-0.8125
Weis Markets	33.125	-0.125
Wells Fargo	265.375	+3.75
Wendy's Intl	22.6875	-0.3125
Westinghouse El	25.5625	-0.5625
Westvaco	35	+0.9375
Weyerhaeuser	63.125	+1.25
Whirlpool	56.375	+1.375
Whitman	25.125	-0.125
Williams Co	46.3125	-0.0625
Winn Dixie Strs	35.5625	+0.1875
Woolworth	27.125	-0.6875
World Comm	33.1875	+0.4375
Worthington Ind	20.1875	+0.1875
Wrigley	75.75	+1.25
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Xerox	78.75	+0.8125
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Yellow Freight	27.25	-0.125
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Zenith Electron	11.0625	-0.1875
Zero Co	27.375	+0.125

LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Allied Domecq	457.5	+2.5
BAT Inds	500	-7.5
BT	387.5	-38.5
BTR	189.5	-1.5
Barclays	1418	-3
Bass	841.5	+3
Boots	792.5	-5
British Airways	642.5	-8
British Gas	-	-
General Electric	397.5	-1.5
Grand Met	587.5	-9
Glaxo	1288	+0.5
Guiness	582.5	-8.5
HSBC (75p shs)	2331.5	+48
Hanson	-	-
ICI	1087.5	+3.5
Land Securities	945	+4.5
Lloyds Bank	763	+9
Marks & Spencer	592.5	-3.5
NatWest Bank	830	-12.5
Prudential	623	-8.5
Reuters	675.5	-0.5
Sainsbury	438.5	-2
Shell Transport	440.5	-3
Unilever	1902.5	-16

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 12-AUG-97)

*In local currencies

TASE ROUNDUP

Stocks drop amid inflation concerns

Mishtanim	Maof
302.82 ▼ -1.21%	308.75 ▼ -1.05%

Stocks fell yesterday amid concern rising inflation will prompt the Bank of Israel to raise interest rates. The Maof Index fell 1.05 percent to 308.75 and the Mishtanim Index fell 1.21% to 302.82.

Leading the decline were Bank Hapoalim, off 0.75% to 8.28 and Bank Leumi, down 3% to 5.83. Azorim lost 4% to 42.53, and Clal Electronic Industries 3.75% to 514.35.

Gainers were led by Discount Investments, up 1% to 330.31, and Mivtach Shamir, up 3.75 to 26.86.

"The whole issue is the consumer price index – how much will it be, and whether" Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel "will raise rates," said Dror Kraus, a broker at Koor Investment House.

July's CPI is due to be announced on Friday. Analysts are expecting an increase of 1.1%, Kraus said, which is likely to prompt the central bank to raise interest rates by 0.3 to 0.5 percentage point.

Eli Nahum, head trader at Zannex Securities, said that traders were also concerned about how stocks would trade on Wall Street after the nearly 2% drop in the Dow Jones Industrial Average Friday.

The central bank's benchmark rate stands at 12.7%. Inflation expectations rose after the Finance Ministry, seeking higher growth, said it won't pursue a lower rate of inflation in 1998. The ministry left next year's inflation target at 7%-10%, unchanged from this year's target.

"The target is aggravating Frenkel," said Kraus. Even so, the governor may hold off from raising rates for one reason, he added, "the dollar."

If interest rates rise, the shekel is likely to strengthen against the dollar as investors buy shekels in order to deposit them. The Bank of Israel would then have to defend the local currency.

(Bloomberg)

Key Representative Rates

US Dollar	NIS 3.5300	- 0.08%
Sterling	NIS 5.6259	+ 0.12%
Mark	NIS 1.903	+ 0.81%

MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5031.9	+0.6
Tokyo Nikkei	18824.1	-780.3
Singapore all-share index	488.31	-10.63
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	16460.4	-187.1

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.5912	+0.0043
Sep.future (CME)	1.5882	+0.0042
D-mark: spot	1.8636	+0.0178
Sep.future (CME)	0.5385	-0.0041
S-franc: spot	1.5272	+0.0165
Sep.future (CME)	0.6583	-0.0067
Yen: spot	116.19	+1.29
Sep.future (CME)	0.008658	-0.000108
CanDlr: spot	1.3932	+0.0029
Sep.future (CME)	0.7191	-0.0016
AusDlr: spot	0.7379	+0.0022
Sep.future (CME)	0.7387	+0.0036
F-franc: spot	6.279	+0.0606
It Lira: spot	1817.5	+15
Nlg: spot	2.0996	+0.02
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	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CEC)	1496	+15
Coffee (Sep) (CEC)	199.35	0
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	363.75	-3.5
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	610	-27.5
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	83.9	+4.55
Crude oil light (Sep)(CEC)	19.69	+0.15

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	1022	+1
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	1630	+15
Brent crude oil (Oct)(IPE)	1875	+11

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Gold: spot	328.65	+2.8
Silver: spot	4.46	+0.01

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Aug)	326.2	+2.1
Silver (Sep)	4.44	+0.065
Platinum (Oct)	442	-1.7
Palladium (Sep)	222	-2.25
High-grade copper (Sep)	1.052	-0.009

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	326.2	+4.6
Gold PM fix	327.7	+4
Silver fix	439.3	+1

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(Spot market listings are from aproximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

European shares end mixed

LONDON (Reuters) – European stock markets closed mixed yesterday after clawing back some of their big early losses, but any decisive rally was undermined by an unsteady start on Wall Street.

On currency markets, the dollar climbed strongly in early trade as bargain-hunters helped it recapture some of the ground lost on Friday. But it lost a little towards the close, nudged down by Wall Street's stumble and nerves over the direction of German interest rates.

Sterling also rebounded from Friday's sharp fall, but traders said any further advance would have its wings clipped because of concern about what the Bundesbank might do and British inflation data later this week.

London, Frankfurt and Paris stocks all tumbled by about one percent at the opening before regaining some composure. They had been shaken by New York's two percent fall on Friday, which spread fears that the bull run on both sides of the Atlantic was slowing.

London, helped by benign price data, struggled back into positive territory after starting 64.9 points down at 4,966.4 on the FTSE 100 index.

But the advance ran out of steam near the close when Wall Street slipped 0.25 percent into the minus column. London eventually closed at 5,031.9, up 0.6 points.

The broader market, however, powered to a five-month peak on a favorable outlook for British interest rates and sterling.

The FTSE 250 index of second-tier stocks, heavily influenced by industrial companies, gained 21.1 points to 4,671.6, its strongest since March 18.

WALL STREET REPORT

Stocks close higher

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks ended higher yesterday after bargain hunters descended in the final hour of trading, bailing the Dow Jones industrials out of a 50-point loss. The Dow closed up 30.89 at 8,062.11.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by 1,482 to 1,375 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 528 unchanged. NYSE volume totaled 480.34 million shares.

The Standard and Poor's 500-stock list rose 3.46 to 937.00, and the NYSE composite index rose 1.42 to 485.21.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 11.81 to 1,586.71, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 1.80 to 644.35.

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SHEER DELIGHT – Australian captain Mark Taylor (second left) is first to congratulate Glenn McGrath on a job well done. (AP)

Taylor silences critics with Ashes triumph

LONDON (Reuters) – If a week is considered a long time in politics, then three months is a lifetime in sport. It certainly has been for Australian captain Mark Taylor.

When his team arrived in England for the start of the Ashes series in May, he was under threat of the sack. Yet on Sunday, the day after Australia had beaten England by 264 runs in the fifth Test to win a record fifth consecutive Ashes series, he was being hailed as the leader of one of the finest teams ever to have played Test cricket.

It represents a major triumph over adversity.

Having inherited a winning side from Allan Border in 1994, Taylor succeeded in keeping Australia at the top of the international tree and series wins over West Indies and South Africa ahead of the Ashes contest confirmed their status as the best in the world.

But that success came at the expense of his own form. As an opening batsman, he had failed to reach 50 in 20 innings and there was a highly vocal lobby calling for him to be left out of the tour.

The pressure intensified when England won the one-day series 3-0 and there was serious doubt over whether Taylor would remain at the helm for the Test series.

"Mark Taylor shouldn't even be thinking of playing," wrote former captain and coach Bobby Simpson.

It was a view endorsed by two other former captains, Ian and Greg Chappell, as the Australian media waged a concerted campaign for his removal. One newspaper ran the headline "Dead Duck" when he was dismissed for nought in a county game.

In the event, Taylor played in the first Test and although the Australians were outplayed for the only time in the series and lost by nine wickets, the captain saved himself with a battling 129 in the second innings.

In many ways that was the turning point of the series. With the niggling side issue of the captaincy laid to rest, the Australians found themselves free to concentrate on their cricket and, although held up by rain which caused a draw at Lord's, they won the next three Tests comprehensively to take the series.

Ironically, Ian Chappell, writing in a British newspaper on Sunday, ranked the current team alongside the very best in Australian, and consequently Test, history.

Their strength lies in the fact that there is no weak link in the chain. The batting blends solidity with flair, characterized, on the one hand, by Matthew Elliott and Steve Waugh, both of whom have scored two hundreds in the series, and, on the other, by Greg Blewett and Ricky Ponting.

The bowlers present an awkward combination of pace and spin.

Glenn McGrath and leg-spinner Shane Warne arrived as the match-winners but Jason Gillespie's seven for 37 at Leeds proved that there was no respite for the English batsmen. They were backed up by a genuine wicketkeeping all-rounder in Ian Healy, some outstanding fielding and a ruthless will to win.

Whether they are a greater side than Warwick Armstrong's in the early 1920s, Don Bradman's in 1948 or even Ian Chappell's in the 1970s remains open to debate, but Mark Taylor can reflect on a job well done.

And no doubt, given his decent nature, he will also find time to sympathise with his opposite number, Mike Atherton, whose high hopes at the start of the summer have faltered on the Australian rocks.

One headline, in particular, yesterday will have brought a wry smile. "Dead Duck" screamed one newspaper calling for Atherton's removal. Three months can be a lifetime in sport.

Hapoel PT take on Danes

By DEREK FATTAL

Hapoel Petah Tikva coach Nir Levin is hoping that his men can lift themselves out of the doldrums and quell the Viking spirit of Denmark's Vejle in tonight's UEFA Cup first-leg tie.

The odds look to be stacked against the Israelis who have been training intensively in Denmark since Saturday. Hapoel have had a miserable opening to the domestic league season, conceding six goals in two games, a record which has left them propping up the other fifteen teams in the National League.

Tonight's result could have a long-term effect on the Hapoel's season. A win or a score-draw should provide an important psychological boost to set the Petah Tikvans firmly on course for recovery in the league as well as giving them a firm foundation on which to continue their European campaign.

There is no doubting the quality talent in the Hapoel line up, particularly if Manor Hassan, Eli Arbabanel and Motti Kakkon can strike up form in midfield.

Nevertheless, this tie is likely to be won or lost in defense. Andrei Cristofic is still hoping to be fit to play, while Avi Fletcher should be on hand to inject some steel into a back line that failed in last Friday's 2-1 league defeat against Bnei Yehuda.

Levin's assessment of the young Vejle side is that like Petah Tikva, the Danes have a natural preference for attack. If Hapoel can absorb the pressure created by the Vejle forwards the Danish side could be susceptible to quick counterthrusts.

Vejle, last season's runners-up to champions Brondby, have played three matches since the Danish league opened on August 1st, losing twice and registering one victory that leaves them with three points.

On Friday the side dropped to seventh place after losing 2-1 to Silkeborg. Vejle began the season with a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Copenhagen, then notched up a relatively easy 2-0 victory against bottom-placed Ikast FS thanks to goals supplied by Petar Graulund and Finn Christensen.

The eventual winner over the two legs will advance to the draw for the opening round of the UEFA Cup which includes the likes of Arsenal and Glasgow Celtic.

Tonight's match kicks off at 20:00.

Sporting Lisbon arrive for clash with Betar Jerusalem

By ORI LEWIS

Sporting Lisbon of Portugal arrived in Israel yesterday ahead of tomorrow's Champions League second qualifying round first-leg tie against Betar Jerusalem.

There is great interest surrounding the match and over 14,000 spectators – a record – are expected at Teddy Stadium for the match.

Betar are likely to field their strongest side this season with the return from injury of international defender Yossi Abuksis and Tomer Azulai. Talented young midfielder Ra'anan Deri is also expected to start.

Sporting wanted to carry out a practise session last night, but were unable to do so because of Tisha Be'av.

Still, the missed evening of training is not expected to affect the Lisbon side, who are favored to win the tie over two legs.

Their comeback qualities are renowned, as was well demonstrated last season when they made up a nine-point gap to overtake Porto for the title.

Octavio Machado, Sporting's current coach was responsible for that transformation when he took over at the helm following the dismissal of his Belgian predecessor Robert Waseige.

The match kicks off at 20:00 tomorrow evening, much later than the normal time for a match here because the Portuguese TV company which owns the rights to the game has insisted on kick-off time to conform to their viewers' wishes. Portugal time is two hours behind Israel's.

Rosenthal signs three-year contract with Watford

By MARK RIVLIN

LONDON – Ronnie Rosenthal yesterday signed a three-year contract with First-Division Watford in the English Endsleigh League.

The Israel international was enticed to the club by manager Graham Taylor, the former England manager, who has promised Rosenthal a regular first-team place.

Rosenthal, a Tottenham Hotspur player for the past three seasons, could not command a first-team place with the top London club and was out of regular match practice, a factor which caused national team coach Shlomo Scharf to threaten to end his international career.

"Now I will be playing regularly, and at a club in the London area. This is perfect for me," Rosenthal said yesterday.

There were rumors that Rosenthal might be moving to Premiership side Crystal Palace, Itzik Zohar's new club, but once the Watford option presented itself, Rosenthal jumped at the opportunity.

"I realized that even if I went to Crystal Palace, I would not be certain of commanding a regular first-team spot, so I preferred to go for Watford," he said.

Barnes allowed free transfer from Liverpool

LIVERPOOL (Reuters) – Former England midfielder John Barnes has been told he can leave Liverpool on a free transfer after 10 years at the club.

Barnes, 33, asked for the free transfer after spending Liverpool's first match of the season, a 1-1 draw with Wimbledon on Saturday, on the subs bench.

He is believed to feel the arrival of three new midfield players – Paul Ince, Oyvind Leonhardsen and Danny Murphy – left him with a doubtful future as a starter on the team.

"We made it quite clear to John that we feel he has been an excellent servant to club and can stay if he wants, but that if he feels it is beneficial to him, he can go on free transfer," a club spokesman said yesterday.

Asked about Barnes's feelings regarding his future with Liverpool, the spokesman added: "You have only to look at the midfield that played on Saturday. He was on the bench but did not play."

The winger-turned-central midfielder joined Liverpool in 1987 for £900,000 where he won two Championships, an F.A. Cup and League Cup medal in 10 distinguished years on Merseyside.

Brazil to host Israel in October

By ORI LEWIS

World Cup holders Brazil will host Israel's national side for the first time, it was announced yesterday.

The Brazilians have played Israel on three previous occasions, all at Ramat Gan. They have won on each of those occasions.

The next match, a friendly, will be played in the northern town of Belem on October 8.

Israel's last encounter against the Brazilians at the National Stadium in Ramat Gan in 1995 was their most successful, they lost 2-1. Gadi Brumer scored a late consolation goal for the hosts.

In the two previous meetings, both at the National Stadium, Brazil won 5-0 in 1965 and 4-0 in 1986.

Carry on captain Atherton, says Graveney

NOTTINGHAM (Reuters) – England selectors' chief David Graveney wants beaten Ashes captain Mike Atherton to lead the team on the tour of West Indies early next year.

Graveney's vote of confidence came after Australia beat Atherton's side by 264 runs in the fifth test at Trent Bridge on Sunday to take a winning 3-1 lead in the six-test series and retain the Ashes.

Chairman of selectors Graveney believes Atherton is still the right man to captain England despite the failure to add to their early-season successes against Australia when they won the one-day series and the first Test at Edgbaston.

Atherton, who became captain four years and 45 Tests ago, said his great ambition was to regain the Ashes, but now his hopes have been shattered, some close confidantes of the England skipper believe he is ready to step down at the end of the series.

Graveney said: "I will be having a chat with Mike after the last Test at The Oval, and whatever decisions are made will be in the best interests of English cricket.

"But he will definitely be in charge at The Oval – we appointed Mike for the whole of the series.



HUMBLED – Mike Atherton. (AP)

"But, personally, I think that he does a great job for the team and I would be happy for him to be captain for this winter's tour.

"If we both feel that it would be in the best interests of England and would mean us having the best chance of winning in the West Indies, then Mike would be my choice to skipper the side.

"He certainly has great pride in representing his country and if that is the case then it is also the ultimate honor to be the captain."

Atherton also still has the backing of his players, but a factor in any decision may be his own batting form.

Having thrived on the responsibility of leading his country by making significant scores as an opener, Atherton has endured a moderate Ashes series.

England's captain, who has compiled 241 runs from 10 innings at an average of 26, said: "I have not played at my best, but it has been very hard work as an opening batsman." The sixth and final Test starts at The Oval on August 21.

Sampras beats Muster in Cincinnati final

MASON, Ohio (AP) – Top-ranked Pete Sampras beat Thomas Muster of Austria 6-3, 6-4 to win the $2.3 million ATP Championship, his fifth title this year.

It was the 49th career ATP Tour victory for Sampras and tied him with Boris Becker for most titles among active players.

"I'm very pleased I played so well this week," said Sampras, who hadn't played since winning Wimbledon a month ago.

"I played great all week. I really didn't struggle at all. ...

I really haven't played a bad match in a couple of months." Sampras' first serve Sunday was a 210 kph ace, his fastest of the week. He broke Muster twice in the first set, bedeviling him with precise placement of cross-court volleys, and won the set point with another ace.

Muster battled throughout the second set but could not match Sampras shot for shot.

Sampras was broken just once, in the first set, and became the first ATP Championship winner in 10 years to go through the week without losing a set.

The match took 70 minutes – just what Sampras averaged all week.

Muster, the fifth seed and fourth-ranked player in the world, had played four three-set matches averaging 2 hours, 13 minutes to get to the finals.

Seles wins first title of 1997

In the women's event at Manhattan Beach, California, Monica Seles fought off a match point in the second set and capitalized on Lindsay Davenport's third-set collapse to win the Acura Classic 5-7, 7-5, 6-4 for her first title this year.

Seles, ranked third in the world, improved to 17-1 lifetime in Manhattan Beach, where she was champion in 1990 and '91 – the years she was No. 1 in the world.

Seles had lost in four other WTA Tour finals this year, and was winless on tour since a victory in Toyko last September.

Davenport had the match in hand, leading a set and 5-4 in the second. Her crosscourt backhand winner set up match point, but Seles attacked Davenport's second serve, sending a forehand return crosscourt for deuce.

"I was trying to go for it on match point and next three points," said Davenport, who sent top-ranked Martina Hingis to only her second loss of the year Saturday with a three-set semifinal win. "She attacks the ball a lot more than Martina.

Seles earned $79,000 and a new Acura. Davenport received $36,000.

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LOCAL SCENE

Youth hoopsters excel in Europe

By HEATHER CHAIT

The national youth basketball team is setting a good example. The under-18 boys team finished first in their semi-final group of the European championships, taking their fifth victory at Turkey's expense.

The score was 78-60 (29-29) and Israel, who won all their games, now move into the final stage of the tournament to be held next year in Bulgaria. Turkey settled for second place.

Sailing: Within one week, Israel's sailing team picked up two world medals. At the world championships (420-class) in Newport, Rhode Island, Careen Gal and Nika Kudritsky won the bronze medal, after finishing their last two sails in first and second place respectively.

Yoav Shaul and Osher Osmo were ranked sixth and Nir Nimrod and Tomer Kerol took 16th place.

Last week, the six joined forces to win the gold medal at the world team event.

Horse riding: A local riding team performed excellently at the European Horse Riding Championships held in Luxembourg earlier this month. Dave Thorpe, riding Peppy, a seven- year-old American quarter horse, owned by Asher Goldman, won the nonprofessional group, beating 71 other entries. Horse trainer from Vered Hagalil and head of the Israeli Reigning Riding Team, Ilan Rosenberg, won the open competition for professional trainers.

Rosenberg was riding Zanparba, a four-year-old quarter horse owned by Rafi Rafieli and Goldman.

Golf: Eli Hasson was an especially proud grandfather this week as his grandson El-Ad partnered him to win the better ball stableford competition at Caesarea with 42 points. Shlomo Chelouche, with Johnny Kramer, were second with 41 points. On 40 and third place were Herbie Alon and Max Shapiro while Richard Fogelson and Leslie Ben-Amir's score was 39.

Sixteen players survived the first round of the Elie Kirschner individual matchplay knockout tournament. The duos to fight out the next stage are Moshe Alhadeff-Eli Hasson, Aviva Dankner-Malca Geri, Hanoch Reichenberg-Marion Fegel, Mati Geri-Lior Kessel, Jules Cuburnek-Dani Ronen, Shmuel Futeran-Uri Aylon, Moshe Zarkover-Zvika Meshi, Modi Kidon-David Edel.

Tennis: If Shlomo Glickstein has to lose, he picks his opponents well. Last week the Davis Cup captain lost to the legendary Bjorn Borg in an over-35's tournament in New York. The score was 6-2, 6-2.

This week's ATP Tour rankings have Eyal Erlich at the No. 1 spot for the second week, improving one step now to 152. Eyal Ran falls further from 166 to 173 with Oren Motevassel on 176.

Their Moroccan counterparts to play here next month in the Davis Cup tie can now boast the following rankings – Hicham Arazi at 40 and Karim Alami at 53.

Marlins extend hex over Braves

ATLANTA (AP) – Not since the New York Yankees last October has any team caused this much trouble for the Atlanta Braves.

The Florida Marlins beat the NL champions for the eighth time in 11 games this season, getting RBI singles by Edgar Renteria and Gary Sheffield in the 10th inning Sunday for a 4-2 victory.

A sellout crowd of 47,649 at Turner Field saw the Marlins cut Atlanta's lead in the NL East to 4½ games.

"We believe we can beat them. We feel like we can play with anybody," Sheffield said.

Charles Johnson hit a leadoff single in the Marlins 10th and pinch-runner Gregg Zaun took second when reliever Mike Bielecki (3-7) made a wild throw on Craig Counsell's bunt.

Alan Embree relieved and pinch-hitter Alex Arias sacrificed.

John Cangelosi followed with a grounder to shortstop Tony Graffanino, who threw out Zaun at the plate. Rookie right-hander Kevin Millwood took over, but gave up the hits to Renteria and Sheffield.

"It's very hard to say why we've played so well against the Braves," Johnson said. "They've all been close games. There haven't been any blowouts. They could have gone either way."

Jay Powell (3-2) pitched 1⅓ scoreless innings for the victory and Robb Nen struck out the side in the 10th for his 29th save.

Rookie Tony Saunders, who was 3-0 with a 1.35 ERA in three starts against Atlanta, blanked the Braves on two hits until they broke through for two runs in the eighth.

Astros 11, Mets 8

Darryl Kile won his ninth straight decision as Houston's hitters helped him overcome his worst start of the season.

Kile (16-3) gave up 10 hits, including a pair of homers by John Olerud, and eight runs in seven innings. He had not allowed more than five runs in any of his previous 25 starts this year.

New York made two errors in the first inning as the Astros scored five times. Derek Bell later homered and Chuckie Carr drove in three runs for visiting Houston.

Phillies 8, Cardinals 0

Curt Schilling pitched a three-hitter at Busch Stadium as Philadelphia continued its surprising surge. The Phillies, despite being 32 games behind in the NL East, have won 10 of 13.

Schilling (12-10) did not allow a runner past first base. He struck out eight in his second shutout of the season.

Scott Rolen homered and drove in three runs. St. Louis lost for the ninth time in 11 games despite the return of right fielder Brian Jordan, out since June 26 because of a back problem.



DOWN AND DIRTY – Detroit Tigers' second baseman Damion Easley puts the tag on Toronto's Alex Gonzalez, who failed to stretch a single into a double. (Reuters)

Reds 8, Dodgers 1

Chris Stynes improved to 7-for-7 in his NL career as Cincinnati beat visiting Los Angeles.

Stynes, promoted from the minors this weekend, went 4-for-4 with a home run. He was 3-for-3 Saturday in his first game in the majors since playing for Kansas City last year.

Mike Remlinger pitched a four-hitter and the Reds gave him plenty of support. Eduardo Perez doubled twice and drove in three runs and Reggie Sanders hit a two-run homer.

Cincinnati won without Deion Sanders, out since getting a cortisone injection for a bulging disc in his back. Los Angeles's loss was its most-lopsided since a 14-0 defeat in Atlanta on April 28.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Rangers 7, Indians 6

Warren Newson hit two of Texas's five solo home runs as the visiting Rangers won. It was the sixth loss in seven games for the AL Central-leading Indians.

Rusty Greer, Juan Gonzalez and Lee Stevens also hit solo shots for the Rangers. Brian Giles and David Justice homered for Cleveland.

Giles hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth off John Wetteland. Omar Vizquel followed with a double, but Wetteland struck out Manny Ramirez for his 25th save. Matt Whiteside (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings.

Jeff Juden (0-1) was hit hard for the second straight start since being traded by Montreal to the Indians on July 31. He allowed five runs in six innings, five days after he lasted only 3 2/3 innings against Detroit.

Yankees 9, Twins 6

Chad Curtis hit his first career grand slam, leading visiting New York to its 10th victory in 13 games.

Curtis's third-inning slam off Travis Miller (0-3) helped push the Yankees a season-high 21 games over .500. Ramiro Mendoza (4-4) worked three innings and Mariano Rivera got the last three outs for his 36th save.

Scott Stahoviak homered for Minnesota.

Orioles 4, Angels 3

Cal Ripken's two-run homer in the eighth inning lifted visiting Baltimore over Anaheim just hours after the Angels learned leadoff hitter Tony Phillips had been arrested for cocaine possession.

Ripken's 14th homer greeted reliever Mike James (4-4), who had just replaced Darrell May. The Angels went up 3-2 in the seventh on an RBI single by Tim Salmon, who also homered in the second inning.

Armando Benitez (2-3) pitched 1⅓ innings for the victory, and Randy Myers got the final three outs for his 34th save.

Anaheim's Todd Greene homered in the sixth to tie it at 2.

Red Sox 6, Royals 4

Nomar Garciaparra hit a two-run homer in the third inning and doubled home the go-ahead run in the eighth as Kevin Appier extended his winless streak to eight starts.

Jim Corsi (3-1) pitched two innings for the victory, while Hector Carrasco (1-2) gave up the two eighth-inning runs for the loss.

Appier, who had won his last six decisions at Fenway Park, lasted 4⅔ innings, allowing six hits and four runs.

Tigers 4, Blue Jays 2

Orlando Miller hit a two-run double in the eighth and Justin Thompson pitched his third complete game of the year for visiting Detroit.

Robert Person (5-8) hit Damion Easley to start the eighth and Phil Nevin followed with a walk. Pinch-hitter Jody Reed added a sacrifice bunt to move both runners into scoring position for Miller, who lined reliever Dan Plesac's first pitch to left. Bob Hamelin added a homer in the ninth.

Thompson (11-8) allowed eight hits.

Sunday's NL results: Florida 4, Atlanta 2 (10); Houston 11, New York 8; Cincinnati 8, Los Angeles 1; Philadelphia 8, St. Louis 0; San Francisco 6, Montreal 3 (12); San Diego 4, Chicago 3; Colorado 8, Pittsburgh 7.

Today's games:
Cincinnati (Tomko 7-3) at San Francisco (Alvarez 1-1)
Pittsburgh (Loiaza 8-8) at Atlanta (Neagle 16-2)
New York (Mlicki 5-8) at St. Louis (An.Benes 7-6)
Florida (Leiter 8-8) at Houston (Hampton 9-7)
Philadelphia (Beech 0-7) at Colorado (Thompson 4-6)
Chicago (Gonzalez 8-5) at Los Angeles (Nomo 11-8)
Montreal (Hermanson 6-5) at San Diego (Undecided)

Sunday's AL results: Boston 6, Kansas City 4; Detroit 4, Toronto 2; Texas 7, Cleveland 6; New York 9, Minnesota 6; Oakland 4, Milwaukee 3 (1st game); Milwaukee 9, Oakland 5 (2nd game); Baltimore 4, Anaheim 3; Chicago 2, Seattle 1

Today's games:
Texas (Witt 10-8) at Boston (Sele 11-8)
Detroit (Dishman 1-0) at Cleveland (Wright 3-1)
Kansas City (Rosado 8-8) at New York (Cone 12-5)
Oakland (Rigby 0-4) at Baltimore (Erickson 13-5)
Minnesota (Bowers 0-1) at Toronto (Clemens 17-4)
Anaheim (Dickson 11-4) at Chicago (Navarro 8-10)
Milwaukee (Woodard 1-1) at Seattle (Fassero 11-6)

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	74	45	.622	–	5-5	L-1	37-21	37-24	4-5
Florida	68	48	.586	4½	z-7-3	W-1	37-20	31-28	6-3
New York	65	51	.560	7½	z-5-5	L-2	36-20	29-31	2-7
Montreal	59	58	.513	13	z-5-5	L-1	36-27	23-29	7-2
Philadelphia	40	75	.348	32	z-7-3	W-2	23-32	17-43	1-8
Central Division									
Houston	63	55	.534	–	4-6	W-2	33-23	30-32	3-8
Pittsburgh	57	61	.483	6	4-6	L-3	29-28	28-33	5-4
St. Louis	53	64	.453	9½	2-8	L-2	30-27	23-37	4-5
Cincinnati	50	65	.435	11½	5-5	W-2	31-32	19-33	6-3
Chicago	47	71	.398	16	4-6	L-2	31-30	16-41	6-3
West Division									
San Francisco	66	52	.559	–	z-7-3	W-1	34-25	32-27	7-3
Los Angeles	63	54	.538	2½	z-5-5	L-2	36-23	27-31	5-4
Colorado	57	62	.479	9½	z-6-4	W-3	32-24	25-38	3-7
San Diego	56	61	.479	9½	4-6	W-2	26-32	30-29	4-6

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Baltimore	72	41	.637	–	z-7-3	W-1	31-20	41-21	7-2
New York	68	47	.591	5	z-7-3	W-2	34-24	34-23	4-5
Boston	58	60	.492	16½	z-7-3	W-1	29-32	29-28	6-3
Detroit	56	60	.478	18	6-4	W-2	32-29	23-31	4-5
Toronto	55	60	.478	18	z-5-5	L-2	28-32	27-28	4-5
Central Division									
Cleveland	58	55	.513	–	z-3-7	L-1	29-29	29-26	5-4
Chicago	56	58	.487	3	z-4-6	W-2	28-25	28-34	4-5
Milwaukee	56	58	.487	3	z-3-7	W-1	35-20	21-39	4-5
Minnesota	51	65	.440	8½	3-7	L-2	26-36	25-29	4-5
Kansas City	48	66	.421	10½	4-6	L-1	26-31	22-35	4-5
West Division									
Anaheim	66	51	.564	–	6-4	L-1	37-22	29-29	2-8
Seattle	66	51	.560	½	5-5	L-2	32-25	33-26	5-5
Texas	55	62	.470	11	5-5	W-1	29-32	26-30	7-3
Oakland	47	72	.395	20	5-5	L-1	27-32	20-40	6-4

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NL LEADERS

BATTING – LWalker, Colorado, .384; Gwynn, San Diego, .383; Piazza, Los Angeles, .355; Lofton, Atlanta, .344; Joyner, San Diego, .339; MaGrace, Chicago, .328; Lankford, St. Louis, .323.

RUNS – LWalker, Colorado, 106; Biggio, Houston, 103; Galarraga, Colorado, 86; Bonds, San Francisco, 85; Bagwell, Houston, 81; EcYoung, Colorado, 78; ChJones, Atlanta, 73; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 73.

RBI – Galarraga, Colorado, 109; Bagwell, Houston, 102; LWalker, Colorado, 97; Gwynn, San Diego, 96; ChJones, Atlanta, 94; Kent, San Francisco, 90; Bichette, Colorado, 87.

HITS – Gwynn, San Diego, 168; LWalker, Colorado, 164; Biggio, Houston, 145; Galarraga, Colorado, 141; ChJones, Atlanta, 139; Piazza, Los Angeles, 139; Womack, Pittsburgh, 137.

DOUBLES – Grudzielanek, Montreal, 43; LWalker, Colorado, 35; Lansing, Montreal, 34; Morandini, Philadelphia, 34; Bonilla, Florida, 33; Gwynn, San Diego, 33; ChJones, Atlanta, 31.

TRIPLES – DeShields, St. Louis, 10; WGuerrero, Los Angeles, 9; Womack, Pittsburgh, 9; Randa, Pittsburgh, 8; DSanders, Cincinnati, 7; Daulton, Florida, 7; Tucker, Atlanta, 6; EcYoung, Colorado, 6; LJohnson, Chicago, 6.

HOME RUNS – LWalker, Colorado, 35; Bagwell, Houston, 31; Galarraga, Colorado, 30; Castilla, Colorado, 29; Bonds, San Francisco, 28; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 25; Piazza, Los Angeles, 25; Sosa, Chicago, 25.

STOLEN BASES – DSanders, Cincinnati, 55; Womack, Pittsburgh, 44; DeShields, St. Louis, 38; EcYoung, Colorado, 32; Henderson, San Diego, 29; McCracken, Colorado, 25; QVeras, San Diego, 25; LWalker, Colorado, 25; Dunston, Chicago, 25.

PITCHING (13 Decisions) – Neagle, Atlanta, 16-2, .889, 2.88; Kile, Houston, 16-3, .842, 2.31; GMaddux, Atlanta, 15-3, .833, 2.36; Estes, San Francisco, 14-4, .778, 3.01; JHamilton, San Diego, 10-3, .769, 3.96; PJMartinez, Montreal, 14-5, .737, 1.72; Gardner, San Francisco, 12-5, .706, 3.50.

STRIKEOUTS – Schilling, Philadelphia, 232; PJMartinez, Montreal, 207; Nomo, Los Angeles, 172; Smoltz, Atlanta, 163; AlBenes, St. Louis, 160; KJBrown, Florida, 160; Kile, Houston, 158.

SAVES – Beck, San Francisco, 33; Nen, Florida, 29; JoFranco, New York, 29; Hoffman, San Diego, 28; Wohlers, Atlanta, 28; ToWorrell, Los Angeles, 27; Eckersley, St. Louis, 27.

AL LEADERS

BATTING – FThomas, Chicago, .351; Ramirez, Cleveland, .337; MVaughn, Boston, .334; SAlomar, Cleveland, .333; WClark, Texas, .332; ONeill, New York, .330; EMartinez, Seattle, .328.

RUNS – Knoblauch, Minnesota, 91; Garciaparra, Boston, 90; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 83; Jeter, New York, 82; EMartinez, Seattle, 81; Cora, Seattle, 80; ToClark, Detroit, 78; BLHunter, Detroit, 78; Greer, Texas, 78.

RBI – Griffey Jr, Seattle, 105; TMartinez, New York, 104; Salmon, Anaheim, 95; FThomas, Chicago, 93; JuGonzalez, Texas, 88; ONeill, New York, 88; ToClark, Detroit, 84.

HITS – Garciaparra, Boston, 152; IRodriguez, Texas, 141; Jeter, New York, 139; Greer, Texas, 139; Cora, Seattle, 139; GAnderson, Anaheim, 136; EMartinez, Seattle, 134.

DOUBLES – JhValentin, Boston, 36; Cirillo, Milwaukee, 35; ONeill, New York, 34; Cora, Seattle, 32; Garciaparra, Boston, 31; ARodriguez, Seattle, 31; Ramirez, Cleveland, 30.

TRIPLES – Garciaparra, Boston, 9; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 9; Jeter, New York, 7; Alicea, Anaheim, 7; Damon, Kansas City, 6; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 6; Offerman, Kansas City, 6; Vizquel, Cleveland, 6; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 6.

HOME RUNS – TMartinez, New York, 37; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 36; McGwire, Oakland, 34; Thome, Cleveland, 30; ToClark, Detroit, 26; MVaughn, Boston, 26; FThomas, Chicago, 26; JuGonzalez, Texas, 26; Buhner, Seattle, 26.

STOLEN BASES – BLHunter, Detroit, 56; Nixon, Toronto, 47; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 44; TGoodwin, Texas, 39; Vizquel, Cleveland, 31; Durham, Chicago, 25; ARodriguez, Seattle, 22.

PITCHING (13 Decisions) – RaJohnson, Seattle, 16-3, .842, 2.35; Clemens, Toronto, 17-4, .810, 1.69; Mussina, Baltimore, 13-4, .765, 3.16; Dickson, Anaheim, 11-4, .733, 3.80; Moyer, Seattle, 11-4, .733, 4.27; Radke, Minnesota, 16-6, .727, 3.29; Erickson, Baltimore, 13-5, .722, 3.52; DWells, New York, 13-5, .722, 3.54.

STRIKEOUTS – RaJohnson, Seattle, 243; Cone, New York, 207; Clemens, Toronto, 202; Mussina, Baltimore, 153; CFinley, Anaheim, 149; Appier, Kansas City, 145; Fassero, Seattle, 135.

SAVES – MRivera, New York, 36; RaMyers, Baltimore, 34; RHernandez, Chicago, 27; Wetteland, Texas, 25; ToJones, Detroit, 23; DoJones, Milwaukee, 23; Taylor, Oakland, 21.

Athens saw new big names but old drugs in veins

By ADRIAN WARNER

ATHENS – Americans Maurice Greene and Marion Jones emerged as the new big track names at the sixth world championships which concluded on Sunday.

But the drugs problem continues to haunt the sport with five athletes testing positive here.

Greene, 23, and the 21-year-old Jones began what should be the start of illustrious careers with victories in the men's and women's 100 meters.

Jones was the only athlete to win two golds after helping the US to the 4x100 meters relay title.

Kenya's 21-year-old Daniel Komen, who was still running 20 kms a day to school and back when the older athletes in Athens were first winning world titles, clinched his first 5,000 meters title after a remarkable year.

Two medallists were thrown out of the championships for doping and three others tested positive.

Russian silver medallist walker Olympiada Ivanova and Ukraine's world shot put champion Aleksandr Bagach were stripped of their medals after positive tests.

Ivanova, second in the 10 kms walk, faces a two-year ban together with compatriot Lyubov Tsyoma after their urine samples showed traces of the steroid stanozolol, the drug used by Canadian Ben Johnson when he won the 1988 Seoul Olympics 100 meters final.



ALL-TIME GREAT – Sergei Bubka sails over the bar in Athens to clinch his sixth consecutive world championship gold medal. (Reuters)

Bagach was shown the door after he took the stimulant ephedrine but escaped with a public warning and no ban.

American Michael Johnson, awarded a wild card as the defending champion, successfully defended his 400 meters title despite a season disrupted by injury.

The championships will also be remembered for for the performances of less glamorous athletes.

For the first time in the 14-year history of the championships, athletes from each of the six world areas – North America, South America, Asia, Europe, Africa and Oceania – won medals.

Sally Barsosio made history by becoming the first Kenyan woman to win a global title when she finished first in the 10,000 meters.

Morroco's Nezha Bidouane created one of the biggest upsets when she won the women's 400 meters hurdles 13 years to the day after Nawal el Moutawakil won the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic title.

It was a competition which saw a changing of the guard with one major exception when Ukraine's pole vaulter Sergei Bubka who clinched a record sixth world title on Sunday's last day.

There were no world records in Athens but Bubka's performance in winning six world gold medals over a 14-year period was as good as any world mark. (Reuters)

OPINION

Why can't athletes own up like grown-ups?

By MICHAEL WILBON

I am looking for the kind of performance that has become so rare it's virtually obsolete. Nobody seems to be able to pull it off nowadays, not in basketball, football, baseball, hockey, you name it.

Thing is, you don't have to be particularly fast or strong or tall to do it. You don't need a quick first step or great dexterity. What I'm waiting for is a high-profile athlete to take full responsibility for his actions. I want to see somebody who has has screwed up royally face his adoring, paying public and say unconditionally: "Hey, I'm sorry. I goofed up. It was a stupid, bonehead thing to do. It's nobody's fault but mine, I ought to know better and I can't afford to do that ever again."

Since regular workaday folk with few athletic skills have to do this sort of reckoning pretty routinely, there most be some inverse correlation between jock status and accountability. The bigger the star, the less responsible he has to be for his own insensitive/offensive/surly/irresponsible/criminal behavior.

Surely, you recognize the pattern by now. The misbehaving is almost always followed by a period of seclusion where the offending party cannot be reached to comment. Except, of course, by Nike or Reebok or anybody offering an endorsement deal, in which case he can be reached on any one of three cell phones or any one of five pagers.

Seclusion is followed by Intense Spin Control, at which time the offending party's agent/lawyer/PR person/personal assistant/Bobo hands out a statement the athlete hasn't even seen (and sometimes can't even read) that says if it weren't for the media, LeRoy wouldn't have slapped his girlfriend down a flight of stairs. Spin Control is usually followed by Removal, as in, "My seven drug suspensions are in the past, man. I only want to talk about football." And all this leads me to Coach Barry Switzer.

As sports apologies go, Switzer's gets an A-minus. He did immediately own up to carrying a handgun through DFW Airport security, which prompted his arrest. He did go into great detail to explain how he had tried to get the gun out of sight of the children who were visiting his house, had put it in his travel bag and forgot it was there until the bells and whistles went off in the airport.

But then, Switzer said: "There's no need to talk about the details here. I said we'll talk about football." Huh? Football? Excuse me, homey, but the coach of the most troubled team in pro sports is arrested and he wants us to ask him about the status of the long snapper?

No, Barry, I want to know what's on your mind in light of the fact that your owner, Jerry Jones, has hired a former FBI man, installed surveillance cameras in players' rooms and banned them from a certain restaurant all in the name of cleaning up the franchise, only to have the coach escorted out of one of the world's busiest airports by two uniformed cops? But, hey, you know, that would take a level of personal responsibility that just isn't acceptable in the world of sports right now.

Don't worry, Barry, you're not by yourself in this. After letting a friend drive his Mercedes 93 mph in a 65-mph zone, Allen Iverson, through his lawyers, put out a statement that read in part, "Unfortunately, the pressure to be first with a story involving a celebrity sometimes leads the press to inaccurately and incompletely report the nature of the incident and the true character of the celebrity involved in the incident."

Celebrity? True character? Bill Cosby's a celebrity. Allen Iverson, if he isn't careful, is one more jail visit from becoming notorious.

There is a difference. And maybe it's just me, but when you say "true character" I tend to think of, say, Arthur Ashe or Rachel Robinson, not some 22-year-old know-it-all.

I guess there's some spin doctor out there who wants us also to trust in the "true character" of Terry Allen, who got behind the wheel of his Ferrari and all of a sudden thought he was Terry Labonte to the tune of 125 mph or so. He, too, showed up at preseason camp and just wanted to talk "about football."

The half-baked apologies often talk about "an incident" or "allowing myself to be involved" like somebody put a gun to their heads and said, "Drive 125 or I'll kill you!" Like it was some out-of-body experience and they were on the sideline watching helplessly.

Speaking of sorry, no-account, too-little, too-late apologies, how about that backslide by the District of Columbia's Eleanor Holmes Norton? Lawrence Phillips, once of the University of Nebraska, now with the St. Louis Rams, had it down pat. He drags a woman down a stairwell, then says, "The unfortunate incident is behind me."

Robbie Alomar was saying "The incident is behind me" long before John Hirshbeck's face was dry. Remember Alomar's initial excuse? The death of Hirshbeck's child had led to Hirshbeck's becoming a poor umpire.

Mike Tyson set a new low by committing an undeniable act and still trying to spin his way out three days later by reading an apology he reportedly didn't write, mentioning all of the revenue sources – the state of Nevada, the network, the casinos, his promoter, Don King – before getting to the person whose ear he bit off.

It's amazing really that you'd have so many great athletes with world-class talents, big muscles but not enough guts to issue a genuine apology. Is it written somewhere that being a high-profile athlete means never having to say, "I'm sorry." (Washington Post)

NZ disgusted by Springboks' dirty play

WELLINGTON (Reuters) – Springbok flanker Andre Venter was suspended for three weeks yesterday for stamping on the head of the All Black captain, but South African rugby paid a far greater price for the attack – New Zealand's respect.

After Venter was sent off for raking Sean Fitzpatrick's face with his boot during Saturday's Tri-Nations Test, the World Cup holders crashed to their heaviest defeat by an All Black side, losing the match 35-55.

It was South Africa's second humiliation in two weeks after going down 20-32 to Australia in their previous game. The nation that beat New Zealand at its most loved sport in the 1995 World Cup final has now lost five of its last six Test matches.

But worse than that, the high esteem the New Zealand public had hitherto afforded their greatest rugby foe was lost.

Venter's needless attack on the New Zealand skipper revived memories of the infamous ear biting incident in 1994, when another Springbok, Johan le Roux, was ordered home in disgrace for biting Fitzpatrick's ear.

The stamping was but one of several violent and unsporting incidents that tarnished Saturday's game.

Winger James Small was yellow-carded for attempting to foot-trip New Zealand fullback Christian Cullen as he dashed for the try line, and Fitzpatrick was not the only All Black to leave the field bloodied and bruised from numerous punch-ups.

All Black coach John Hart left his grandstand seat during the troubled second half to check on his players and tell them to maintain their discipline.

"I was checking about all the blood because so many players were coming off with blood," he told reporters after the game.

Newspapers yesterday rang loud with outrage and disgust at the Springboks' dirty play.

"Bad Blood – relations sour as All Blacks wallop Boks," said the tabloid *Sunday News*, while the sports headline in the *Sunday Star-Times* broadsheet read, "Too bloody good."

Inside, *Star-Times* rugby columnist Phil Gifford wrote that the Springboks seemed set for a sad decline.

"Watching the crumbling remnants of Springbok glory yesterday the astonishing thought kept getting stronger and stronger: that South African rugby is tumbling down the same slope that Welsh rugby did," he wrote.

"It would be astonishing if South Africa can raise itself to 1995 World Cup level again ... all that's ahead for South African rugby may be a long spell recalling a glorious past."

Media were critical of Springbok coach Carel Du Plessis, who said Venter's sending off was too harsh and refused to concede his side lacked discipline.

"On the replay I didn't think it (the stamping) looked that serious. I spoke to the player and there was no intention to do anybody any harm," Du Plessis told a news conference.

"Certainly there was aggression, but I don't think there was any harm with that. The discipline of the team was fine."

Hart seemed staggered by his opponent's nonchalance, retorting, "I'd hate to see an ill-disciplined performance from the South African team then."

South Africa are now out of the running for the Tri-Nations championship. Only Australia, who play New Zealand at Dunedin on Saturday, have any chance of preventing the All Blacks from claiming their second successive Tri-Nations crown.

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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

The Tel Hai International Piano Master Classes reach their finale with a special gala concert tonight (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum with winners of the master-classes competition performing together with renowned Georgian-born pianist Alexander Korsantiya.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

George Dalaras Meets Mikis Theodorakis, tonight at 8:45 on Channel 1, is a rare opportunity for lovers of Theodorakis's music. A gala performance celebrating the Greek composer and singer's 70 birthday was held as part of the 100th Anniversary of Cinema celebrations in the Herodion in Athens. A selection of his film scores was interpreted by artist George Dalaras and performed with a 60-piece orchestra, a choir, and several famous Greek bouzouki players.

For a glimpse at culture from our end of the Mediterranean, don't miss the Israeli film *A Bit of Luck*, to be shown for the first time on television tonight on Channel 2, at 10. In this tear-jerking melodrama by Ze'ev Revah, super-star Mizrahi singer Zehava Ben stars as the daughter of a well-known Moroccan musician who leaves all behind to come to the Holy Land.



Middle Eastern singer Zehava Ben stars in 'A Bit of Luck,' on Channel 2 at 10 p.m.

(Osnat Krasnanski)

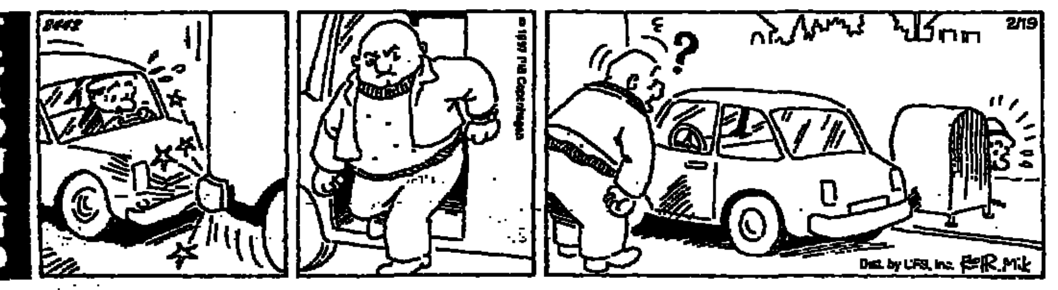
FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ **GROSSE POINTE BLANK** – In this mordant little comedy, John Cusack plays a professional assassin who returns to his Michigan hometown for the first time in a decade to attend his high-school reunion. The joke, of course, is that Cusack looks more milkman than hitman: he has searching eyes, pudgy cheeks and the lanky build of a teenager, and despite the fact that cold-blooded murder is his character's line of work, he blushes and can't keep his voice from going fluttery when he's reunited with his old girlfriend (Minnie Driver). Directed by George Armitage, the film belongs to an emotionally limited but amusing category of hip satirical picture – of which *Heathers* is probably the classic example – that treat adolescence in the American suburbs as the banal, upper-middle-class equivalent of coming of age in hell. With Dan Aykroyd, Alan Arkin and Joan Cusack, John's real-life sister. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

★★1/2 **ABSOLUTE POWER** In a long, bravura sequence at the start of Clint Eastwood's political thriller, an expert thief (the director) accidentally witnesses a murder involving the president of the United States (Gene Hackman). Unfortunately, nothing else in the movie comes even close to the sustained excitement of that dynamic first bit. The script was adapted in functional, hard-boiled manner by William Goldman from David Baldacci's novel and spends a good deal of time dishing out a below-the-belt, barely masked critique of the current American president. As this happens, it becomes harder and harder to separate the director's admirably smooth control of mood and tempo in individual scenes from his over-arching, dunderheaded political paranoia. Also with Ed Harris and Laura Linney. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

FERDNAND



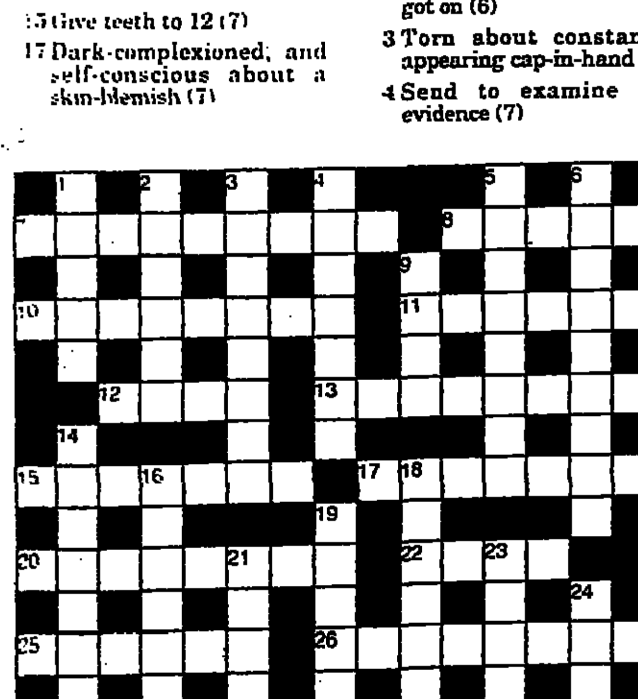
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

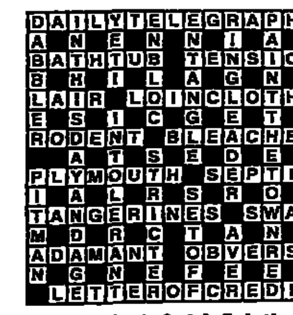
7 Act as informer—tell only one (9)
8 Reject a substitute for bread (5)
10 They circulate—so they say! (8)
11 Nice-looking but small-minded outside right (6)
12 The titled gentleman plainly holds the upper hand (4)
13 Worthless silver turned out by a person on the move (8)
15 Give teeth to 12 (7)
17 Dark-complexioned; and self-conscious about a skin-blemish (7)
20 Picture break before discharge (8)
22 21's table (4)
25 Procedure from source (6)
26 Offer no amateur money (8)
27 A small county suffers for it (5)
28 Leaving as one's tired out (9)

DOWN

1 The circumference isn't exactly right (5)
2 Old people carrying a note got on (6)
3 Torn about constantly appearing cap-in-hand (8)
4 Send to examine the evidence (7)
5 Servicemen arm for recall (8)
6 A panel to contact when in trouble (9)
9 Some cyclists, pedalling furiously, went very fast (4)
14 Check press support (9)
16 Advised of drink found hidden in the tall grass (8)
18 Stride on? That's easy! (8)
19 Plug a point by including cover (7)
21 The scoundrel's 22 (4)
23 Left on board, being good fellows (6)
24 French article no-one read up, causing joint concern (5)



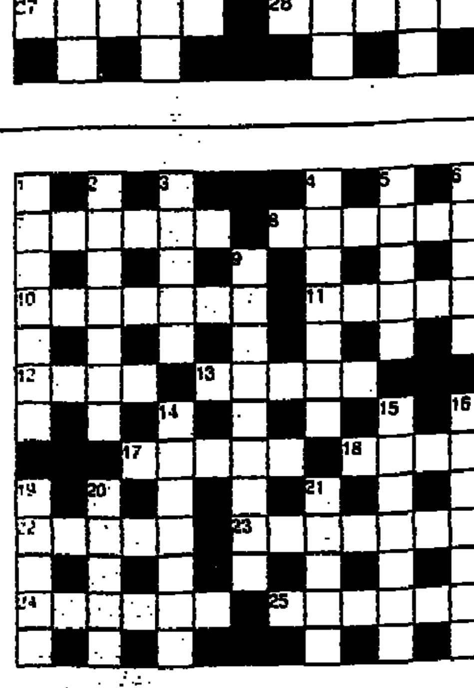
SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Brake, 4 In-off, 10 Staunch, 11 Viola, 12 Layer, 13 Melange, 15 Elba, 17 Dowdy, 19 Shred, 22 Rhea, 25 Trachea, 27 Byron, 29 Flier, 30 Detente, 31 Inane, 32 Still.

DOWN: 2 Ready, 3 Kindred, 5 Novel, 6 Flounce, 7 Psalm, 8 Thumb, 9 Luter, 14 Ease, 16 Lyre, 18 Ovation, 20 Habitat, 21 Stiff, 23 Handy, 24 Angel, 26 Heron, 28 Renal.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

7 Custodian (6)
8 Enumerates (6)
10 Peewit (7)
11 At not time (5)
12 Jug (4)
13 Grass-cutter (5)
17 Rest (5)
18 Grain-store (4)
22 Sky-blue (5)
23 Skull (7)
24 Entreaty (6)
25 German capital (6)

DOWN

1 Proficient (7)
2 Nonplus (7)
3 Commence (5)
4 Advise (7)
5 Rogue (5)
6 Expropriate (5)
9 Lack of knowledge (9)
14 Some (7)
15 Laughable (7)
16 Asleep (7)
19 Deadly (5)
20 Young dog (5)
21 Bet (5)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Cartoons
10:00 Eric's World
10:30 The Intrepids
11:00 A Matter of Time
11:35 Hot Science
12:10 A.J., Time Traveller
13:00 Cartoons (rpt)
15:15 The Story of Read Alee-Deed Alee

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Stones with a Human Heart: history of Jerusalem told through a boy's adventures
16:20 Secret of the Charm – film for Tisha Be'av produced by the children of the Frankel School in Jerusalem
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Jerusalem: Journey Through a Time Tunnel – documentary about Jerusalem in the period of the Second Temple
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Apropo
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 Cantorial Music
20:00 News
20:45 George Dalaras Meets Mikis Theodorakis – recording of the live performance in Athens
22:00 The People's Century – part 7: 1927 – The Great Escape
23:00 Dream On
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 Gargoyles
7:00 Coffee with Tel-Ad
9:00 Amy (1981) – a bored woman leaves her husband to teach at a school for the handicapped. With Jenny Agutter and Barry Newman
10:40 Living Eden
11:35 The Violin That Was Silenced – salute to Yossele Rosenblatt
13:00 The Last Oasis
14:30 Mourning or Ignoring? – the meaning of Tisha Be'av
15:00 A Song for Jerusalem
16:00 Whose Is This History? – youth discussion of history, culture and what is worth dying for.
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 News magazine
17:30 Rabbi Orbach – documentary about the great halachic authority
18:00 Israeli songs
18:30 Destruction or Building? – special program for Tisha Be'av
20:00 News
20:30 Glitter – entertainment show with Einat Ehrlich
22:00 A Bit of Luck (Hebrew, 1992) – a beautiful girl with a nightingale's voice tackles ocial discrimination. With Zehava Ben, Ze'ev Revah, Arieh Moskona and Brie Simon
00:00 News
00:05 A Bit of Luck – contd.

00:20 Midnight Short – short movies
00:50 Herman's Head
1:20 Jazz at the Red Sea 1996 – George Coleman Quartet
2:15 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:35 French programs
16:00 Super Sport Follies
16:30 Doghouse
17:00 Square One TV
17:15 Album Show
18:10 French programs
19:00 News in French
19:30 News headlines
19:35 Coach
20:00 Tilt
20:30 Encounter
21:10 Nature of Things
22:00 News in English
22:30 West Beach
23:15 Drug Wars

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 TV Shop
14:30 700 Club
15:00 Gerbert
15:30 Urban Peasant
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Family Challenge
17:45 Beakman's World
18:10 Perfect Strangers
18:35 Saved by the Bell
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic)
20:00 Showcase
20:50 Look Who's Talking Too (1990) – sequel to the 1989 hit. With Kirstie Alley, John Travolta and the voices of Bruce Willis and Roseanne Barr. Directed by Amy Heckerling
23:00 CNN
23:30 The 700 Club
00:00 Quantum Shopping

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Power Rangers
16:30 Playing With Fire
17:30 Panel discussion in Arabic
18:00 The Tyrant
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Doctors Talk
20:00 News
21:00 Rumpole of the Bailey
22:00 Showcase
22:30 *Telekessef*
23:00 Cinema 3

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Jake and the Kid
16:35 Hot Science (rpt)
17:10 A.J., Time Traveller (rpt)
18:00 Family Album
18:30 Jerusalem in Art
19:00 Lamentations – program for Tisha Be'av
19:30 Family Connections
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 *Dites Moi Tout*
21:00 The Onedin Line
21:50 Montparnasse Revisited – part 2
22:50 The Six Wives of Henry VIII – part 2: Anne Boleyn

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
8:00 Dallas (rpt)
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless
10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt)
11:15 Zingara (rpt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 The Commish

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14:00 Dallas (rpt)
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:40 Ricki Lake (rpt)
16:30 Zingara
17:15 One Life to Live
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:15 The Young and the Restless
19:45 Sunset Beach
20:30 The Other Half
20:55 Suddenly Susan (two episodes)
21:45 The Single Guy (two episodes)
22:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
23:00 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:25 Babylon 5 (rpt)
00:15 The Streets of San Francisco
1:05 Barnaby Jones

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 The Daughter of D'Artagnan (French, 1995) (rpt)
13:45 Seeing Stars
14:15 Brothers' Destiny (1995) – two orphans fight being separated. With Danny Aiello and Kris Kristofferson
15:55 Crimes of Silence (1996) (rpt)
17:25 Search for Justice (1996) – the mother of a runaway teenager discovers a horrible plot. With Peggy Lipton
19:00 Arianna (Hebrew, 1971) – melodrama by George Ovadia. An orphan falls in love with a rich boy who rejects her when she becomes pregnant. With Tova Pardo and Avi Toledano
20:30 Hostage for a Day (1993) (rpt)
22:00 CIA Code Name Alexa (1992) – a CIA agent programs a comely terrorist to turn against her boss. With Lorenzo Lamas, John Savage and Kathleen Kinmont
23:35 Bloodknot (1996) – an evil young woman insinuates herself into a family. With Patrick Dempsey, Kate Vernon and Margot Kidder
1:15 Freaked (1993) – a spool on the world of entertainment (rpt)
2:40 Rift (1994) – a man in love with his best friend's wife wakes up from a night of drinking to a nightmarish reality (81 mins.)

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
9:10 Surprise Garden
9:40 Dennis the Menace
10:15 Treasure Island
10:50 Project Geeker
11:15 Pink Panther
11:25 Hot Air Balloon
12:00 Moesha
12:20 Animaniacs
13:00 Kirk
13:30 Hugo
14:00 Chiquitilas
14:45 Little Mouse
15:05 Little Flying Bears
15:40 Dennis the Menace
16:20 Treasure Island
16:50 Project Geeker
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18:30 Hot Air Balloon
19:00 Hugo
19:30 Helen and the Guys
19:55 Three's Company
20:20 Married with Children
20:40 Roseanne
21:10 Cosby Show
21:35 Different World

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	News flash Cantorial Music				Helen and the Guys Three's Company	A Healthy Body
20:00	News	News	Sunset Beach			Future Quest: All in the Global
20:30		Glitter	The Other Half	Hostage for a Day	Married with Children Roseanne	Nature on Track
21:00	George Dalaras Meets Mikis Theodorakis		Suddenly Susan (two episodes)		Cosby Show	Understanding Oceans
21:30					Different World	The Nature of Things: Coral Reefs
22:00	The People's Century	A Bit of Luck	The Single Guy (two episodes)	CIA Code Name Alexa	Black and White as Day and Night	
22:30			Love Story with Yossi Siyas			Cousteau: Danube, Cries of the River
23:00	Dream On		Seinfeld			

■ SECOND SHOWING (5)

22:00 Black and White as Day and Night (German, 1963) – drama about a man obsessed with chess with Bruno Ganz
23:45 Vincent, François, Paul and the Others (French, 1974) (112 mins.) – a group of friends leave their marriages, affairs and careers behind every weekend to get together. With Yves Montand, Michel Piccoli, Gerard Depardieu and Serge Reggiani

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University
8:05 Floyd on Italy: Sicily (rpt)
8:35 Travelogue (rpt)
9:00 World of Wine
9:30 Nutcracker Suite
11:05 Dvorak's Stabat Mater
12:35 Ultrascience: Into the Micro World
13:05 Healthy Body
13:20 Future Quest: Merchants of Power
14:00 Nature on Track: Towards a Lonely Planet (rpt)
14:30 Understanding Cities (rpt)
15:25 Living City (rpt)
16:10 Cousteau: Nauru
17:00 Open University
19:05 Ultrascience, part 4: Invaders
19:30 A Healthy Body
20:00 Future Quest: All in the Global Family
20:30 Nature on Track: Industrial Revolution
21:00 Understanding Oceans
21:55 The Nature of Things: Coral Reefs
22:40 Cousteau: Danube, Cries of the River (rpt)
23:35 Open University

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Travel Xpress
6:30 The Ticket
7:00 VIP
7:30 NBC Nightly News
8:00 MSNBC News
9:00 Today
10:00 European Squawk Box
11:00 European Money Wheel
15:30 CNBC US Squawk Box
17:00 Wine Cellar
17:30 Dream Builders
18:00 The Site
19:00 National Geographic Television – Mountains of Fire
20:00 The Ticket
20:30 VIP
21:00 Dateline
22:00 Major League Baseball highlights
23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien
1:00 Later
1:30 NBC Nightly News

■ STAR PLUS

6:30 Nine to Five
7:00 Yan Can Cook
7:30 E! TV
8:00 The Wonder Years
8:30 Oprah Winfrey
9:30 The X-Files
10:30 Santa Barbara
11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
12:00 Hindi shows
13:30 WWF Superstars
14:30 Doogie Howser
15:00 The Wonder Years
15:30 Yan Can Cook
16:00 Hindi programs
18:30 Star News
19:00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em
19:30 Space: Above and Beyond
20:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
21:00 Santa Barbara
22:00 Star News
22:30 Baywatch
23:30 Dynasty
00:30 Vegas
1:30 Oprah Winfrey

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 WNBA Action
17:00 Brazilian Soccer
18:10 English Soccer
19:00 World's Strongest Man
19:30 The Olympic Series – Downhill Skiing
20:30 To be announced
21:00 Boxing
22:00 South American Soccer
23:30 National League Basketball – season roundup
00:00 English Soccer

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Tennis: Exhibition game
11:00 Speedworld
13:00 Eurogoals
14:00 Touring Car, Germany
14:30 Wheelies
15:00 Water Skiing:
World Cup
15:30 Triathlon: Pro tour
18:30 Tractor Pulling
19:30 4x4 Offroad
20:00 Monster Truck
20:30 Funsports
21:00 Touring Car
22:00 Boxing
23:00 Soccer: Friendly Match
1:00 Equestrian: Nations Cup
2:00 Sailing Magazine

■ STAR SPORTS

6:00 Auto: Formula 1
8:00 Chinese Soccer
10:00 Asia Sports
10:30 Tennis: ATP Tour
12:00 This is PGA tour
12:30 Cricket: NatWest Cup
20:30 4x4 Offroad, Iceland
21:30 Superbike
22:30 Soccer: UEFA Women's Euro Championship
24:30 Cricket: NatWest Cup

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour
7:30 Window on Europe
8:00 Newsdesk
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Window on Europe (rpt)
11:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt)
14:00 Newsdesk
15:30 Window on Europe (rpt)
16:15 World Business Report
16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour
17:30 The Travel Show
18:30 Hard Talk
19:30 Airport (rpt)
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 BBC Reporters
23:30 Flavours of India: Gujarat
00:00 Newsdesk
1:00 Asia Today

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News through the day
6:30 Pinnacle Report
7:30 Insight
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:30 World Sport
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:30 CNN Newsroom
12:30 World Report
13:30 American Edition
13:45 Q&A (rpt)
14:00 Asian News
14:30 World Sport (rpt)
15:15 Asian News
15:30 Business Asia
16:00 Larry King Live
17:30 World Sport (rpt)
18:30 Asia Today
19:30 Q&A
20:45 American Edition
21:00 World Business Today
22:00 Larry King Live
23:00 European News
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today Update
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
2:30 Moneyline

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert
9:05 Excerpts from Lamentations, to biblical texts, by Victoria, Charpentier, Zelenka, Lassus, Jomelli and Delalande; suites for harpsichord by Louis Couperin and Delalande
12:00 Light Classical – excerpts from Nabucco
13:00 Artist of the Week – soprano Jessye Norman. Chausson: Songs; Schoenberg: Monodrama for soprano and orch
14:06 Encore: Britten
15:00 From the Recording Studio – Sally Pinkas. Schubert: Sonata in B flat D575; Prokofiev: Sonata no 4 in C minor op 29; Brahms: 6 pieces op 118
16:00 Program for Tisha Be'av – Barber: Adagio for strings op 11; Thomas Tallis: from Lamentations of Jeremiah; Menahem Tzur: Lamentations cantata for alto and orch; Handel: The Ways of Zion Mourn; Bernstein: Jeremiah Symphony
18:00 New CDs – Lotti: Madrigals; Haydn: Cello concerto in D; Brahms: Sonata in F minor for clarinet and piano op 120/1; Kurt Weill: Symphony no 2
20:05 Bozzola, Pedroni, Verdi and others: Mass for Rossini
22:00 Musical Journey

MOVIES

JERUSALEM

CINEMATHEQUE Salam Cinema 8 • Equinox 8 • Blood and Wine 10 • A Bout de Souffle 10 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Bean∞Austin Powers∞Liar Liar 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Batman and Robin∞The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Stupids 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 • That Old Feeling 7:15, 9:45 • The Adventures of Pinocchio 11:30 a.m., 1:30 • The Saint 7:15, 9:45 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 • Addicted to Love 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Men In Black 7:30, 9:45 • In Love & War 7:15, 9:45 • Breakdown 9:45 • Con Air 7:15, 9:45 • Beep 7:30, 9:45 • Speed 2 7:30, 9:45 • Hercules *(English dialogue)* 7:30 • Wild America 7:30 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 Batman and Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 4:45 • The Fifth Element 7:15, 9:45 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 The Fifth Element 5, 10, 12:15 a.m. • Microcosmos 1, 3, 8

TEL AVIV

GAT In Love & War 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **G.G. HOD 1–4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Bean 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Liar Liar 5, 7:30, 10 • Batman and Robin 11:30 a.m., 1:45 • Austin Powers 5, 7:30, 10 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Micocosmos 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 3:45, 6, 8, 10 • Secrets and Lies 11 a.m., 7, 9:45 • The English Patient 1:30, 6:45, 9:45 • Self-Made Hero 11:15 a.m. • Shine 4:45 • Prisoner of the Mountains 1:45, 5:15 • Beautiful Thing 3:30 **G.G. PE'ER** Bean 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Addicted to Love 5, 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba *(H ebraw dialogue)* 11:30 a.m. • Batman and Robin∞The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Austin Powers 5, 7:30, 10 • The Adventures of Pinocchio *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m. **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center Men In Black 11 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Breakdown 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Con Air 7:30, 9:45 • Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 2:30, 5 • Hercules *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 2:30, 5 • Speed 2 9:45 • Absolute Power 7:30, 9:45 • 101 Dalmatians 11 a.m., 2:30, 5 • Alaska 11 a.m. • Wild America 11 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House Grosse Pointe Blank∞Private Parts∞Beep 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Absolute Power 9:45 • Donnie Brasco 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Romy & Michele 5, 7:30 **G.G. TEL AVIV** ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. Batman and Robin∞The Lost World 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Killing Zoe 5, 7:30, 10 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Charlie & Louise 11 a.m., 2

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CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Prisoner of the Mountains 9:30 • Shine 7:15 • Self-Made Hero 9:30 • Breaking the Waves 6:45 **GLOBECITY** ☎8569900 Bean 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 11 a.m., 4:30 • Austin Powers 9:30 • The Fifth Element 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Addicted to Love 7, 9:30 • Batman and Robin 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Lost World 11 a.m., 4:30, 7 • Liar Liar 11 a.m. • Ali Baba 11 a.m., 5 **MORIAH** ☎8643654 The Fifth Element 7:30, 9:45 **ORLY** ☎ 8381868 The English Patient 6, 9:15 **PANORAMA** Batman and Robin 11 a.m., 1, 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Afterglow 7:15, 9:30 • Ali Baba 11 a.m., 1, 4:30 • The Lost World 11 a.m., 1, 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 Men In Black 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Breakdown 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Men In Black 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • In Love & War 7, 9:30 • Speed 2 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Breakdown 7:15, 9:30 • Grosse Pointe Blank 7, 9:30 • Alaska 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Con Air 7, 9:30 • Hercules *(English dialogue)* 7:15 • Wild America 11 a.m., 1:15, 4:45 • Romy & Michele 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 In Love & War 7, 9:15 • Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Con Air 9:30 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Beep 7:15, 9:30 • Hercules *(English dialogue)* 7:15 • That Darn Cat 11 a.m., 5

ARAD

STAR ☎9950904 Men In Black 11:30 a.m., 5, 8, 10 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Bean 8, 10 • Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5

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Speed 2 9

ASHDOD

G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10 • The Fifth Element 4:45, 7:30, 10 • The Adventures of Pinocchio∞Space Jam 11:30 a.m. • Austin Powers 5, 7:30, 10 • Liar Liar 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • That Old Feeling 7:30, 10 • The Stupids 11:30 a.m., 5 **G.G. ORI** ☎711223 Addicted to Love 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 • Bean 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Batman and Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8661120 Men In Black 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Speed 2∞Private Parts 9:45 • Hercules *(English dialogue)* 7:30 • Breakdown ∞Romy & Michele 7:30, 9:45 • Con Air 7:15, 9:45 • Wild America 11 a.m., 5, 7:30 • That Darn Cat∞Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* ∞101 Dalmatians∞Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 5

ASHKELON

G.G. GIL ☎ 729977 Bean 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Batman and Robin∞The Lost World∞The Fifth Element 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Addicted to Love 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 **RAV CHEN** Wild America∞Men In Black 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Private Parts 9:45 • Hercules *(English dialogue)* 7:30 • Con Air 7:15, 9:45 • Breakdown 7:30, 9:45 • 101 Dalmatians∞Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)*∞That Darn Cat 11 a.m., 5

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HERZLIYA

COLONY ☎6902666 Donnie Brasco ∞Microsmos 5:30, 7:45, 10 **HOLIDAY** Addicted to Love 5, 10 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 7:30 **STAR** ☎ 589068 Bean 4, 6, 8, 10 • Hercules *(H ebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1:15, 4 • Batman and Robin 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • The Adventures of Pinocchio *(Hebrew dialogue)* 1:15 • Men In Black 11 a.m., 1:15, 6, 8, 10

HOD HASHARON

GIL Men In Black 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Batman and Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10 • The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 • Bean 5, 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew d ialogue)* 11:30 a.m.

KARMIEL

CINEMA Breakdown 7, 9:30 • Men In Black 11 a.m., 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Speed 2 9:30 • Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5, 7 • Romy & Michele 11 a.m., 5

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G.G. GIL ☎7677370 Men In Black∞Bean 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* ∞Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • Addicted to Love 7:30, 10 • The Lost World ∞Batman and Robin 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Austin Powers 5, 7:30, 10 • The Stupids 11:30 a.m., 1:30

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G.G. GIL The Lost World 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The Fifth Element 11 a.m., 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Batman and Robin 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Addicted to Love 7:15, 9:45 • Space Jam 11 a.m., 1 • Ali Baba 11 a.m., 1, 5 • The Adventures of Pinocchio 11 a.m. • The English Patient 7, 9:30 • Austin Powers 7:15, 9:45 • 101 Dalmatians 11 a.m., 1 • Liar Liar 11 a.m., 7:15, 9:45 • Bean 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45

KIRYAT SHMONA

G.G. GIL ☎6905080 Men In Black 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Batman and Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Lost World 4:30, 7, 9:30.

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STAR ☎9246823 Men In Black 11 a.m., 5, 8, 10 • Speed 2 5, 7:30, 10 • The Lost World 5, 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba∞The Adventures of Pinocchio *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m.

NAHARIYA

HEICHAL HATARBUT Kolya 7, 9:15 • That Darn Cat 5

UPPER NAZARETH

G.G GIL Breakdown∞Addicted to Love 7, 9:30 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* ∞Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 4:30 • Men In Black∞Bean 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Lost World∞Batman and Robin∞The Fifth Element 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30

NESS ZIONA

G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 Bean 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Batman and Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Addicted to Love 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 • The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 4:45

NETANYA

G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 Bean 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Batman and Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Austin Powers 10 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30 • The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* ∞Liar Liar 11:30 a.m., 5 • Addicted to Love 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8618570 Men In Black 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Con Air 9:45 • Fly Away Home∞Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Hercules *(English dialogue)* 7:30 • Breakdown 7:30, 9:45 • Speed 2 9:45 • Wild America 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30

PETAH TIKVA

G.G. HECHAL Men In Black 5, 7:30, 10 • Breakdown 5, 7:30, 10 • The Lost World 4:45, 7:30, 10 **G.G. RAM 1-3** ☎ 9340818 Speed 2∞The Stupids∞Absolute Power 7:30 **SIRKIN** Addicted to Love 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • Batman and Robin 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 7:30, 10 • Bean 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 1:45 • Austin Powers 5, 7:30, 10 • Liar Liar 5, 7:30, 10 • Men In Black 11:30 a.m., 1:30

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RAMAT GAN

RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121 Breakdown 7:30, 9:45 • Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • Private Parts 9:45 • Addicted to Love 9:45 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • In Love & War 7:30, 9:45 • Batman and Robin 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 • Hercules *(English dialogue)* 7:30 • Romy & Michele 7:30 • Wild America 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15 **RAV-OASIS 1-3** ☎ 6730687 Men In Black 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Batman and Robin 7:15, 9:45 • Speed 2 9:45 • Ali Baba 11 a.m., 5 • The Lost World 11 a.m., 5, 7:15

RAMAT HASHARON

KOKHAV The Fifth Element 7:15, 9:45 • Liar Liar 5 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m.

REHOVOT

CHEN Bean 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Fifth Element 11 a.m., 5, 7:15, 10 • Charlie & Louise 11 a.m., 5 • Breaking the Waves 7 • The English Patient 10 • Microcosmos 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV MOR** Private Parts 9:45 • In Love & War 7:15, 9:45 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 5 • Men In Black 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Speed 2 9:45 • Grosse Pointe Blank 9:45 • Breakdown 9:45 • Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Batman and Robin 11 a.m., 5, 7:15 • Hercules *(English dialogue)* 7:30 • The Lost World 11 a.m., 5, 7:15 • Wild America 11 a.m., 5, 7:30

RISHON LEZION

GIL 1-3 The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:30 • The Fifth Element 10 • Batman and Robin 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Bean 5, 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 1:30 **HAZAHAV** The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 1:5, 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Austin Powers 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • Batman and Robin 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Addicted to Love 7:30, 10 • Liar Liar 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 **RAV CHEN** Men In Black 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 • Con Air 9:45 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 • Breakdown 7:30, 9:45 • Speed 2 9:45 • Wild America 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30 • Hercules *(English dialogue)* 7:30 • Hercules *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5 • George of the Jungle 11:30 a.m., 4, 6, 8, 10 • Donnie Brasco 7:30, 10 • Fly Away Home 11:30 a.m., 5 • Men In Black 11:30 a.m., 4, 6, 8, 10 • The Adventures of Pinocchio *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5

All times are p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

No confirmation of compromise on conversion bill

By JONATHAN TEPPERMAN

Members of the Neeman Committee, charged with resolving the controversy around the government's conversion bill, refused yesterday to confirm a report that the panel has reached a compromise.

The committee, made up of five Orthodox, one Conservative, and one Reform Jew, is to submit its recommendations to the government by Friday. The coalition will then have three weeks to discuss the proposals before passing them on to the Knesset, which must enact them within two months.

When asked to confirm media reports of a compromise, the committee's coordinator and several of its members demurred. According to an article in *Ha'aretz*, a conversion school is to be formed with the joint participation of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbis. This school will process all new conversions, and these will be Orthodox in form.

Faced with the possibility that the committee's work has been prematurely leaked to the media, committee members publicly reaffirmed the need for confidentiality.

"We're committed to the agreement which established this committee," said Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform Movement's Israel Religious Action Center. "That means we don't leak, because past experience has shown that leaking is the best way to undermine progress."

Regev said that the committee has been meeting daily for several weeks, and engaging in discussions which he characterized as "serious and deep, with lots of good will."

He warned of what would happen if the committee fails to solve the crisis and the original government bill (which rejects all non-Orthodox conversions) is passed. "The Jewish people will find themselves locked in its most acute battle in decades, one to be joined both in Israel and overseas. We [Reform Jews] have to be taken into account. I hope and pray that the government realizes that accommodation has to be reached."

Suissa to resign for 24 hours

In protest over High Court ruling on Brenner

By BATSHEVA TSUR and LIAT COLLINS

Religious Affairs Minister Eli Suissa is to resign from his post for 24 hours today to protest yesterday's High Court of Justice ruling reaffirming that Joyce Brenner, who is Reform, is a member of the Netanya Religious Council.

Suissa announced his decision yesterday after meeting with Shas party leaders and their spiritual mentor, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

The court decided to turn down Suissa's request for a two-week extension of its ruling, handed down last week, naming Brenner as a member of the Netanya Religious Council.

Justices Theodor Or, Eliahu Mazza and Ya'acov Turkel said in yesterday's ruling that there was no reason to withhold publication of Brenner's name in the official government gazette, *Reshumot*.

This meant that the Shas party minister would have had to publish Brenner's appointment in *Reshumot* today.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will serve as acting religious affairs minister, and he will therefore have to sign the appointment today to comply with the court order.

Meanwhile, MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) said he would be willing to continue to promote two parallel laws – one restricting membership on religious councils to the Orthodox only and the other establishing separate councils for non-Orthodox – as long as he is able to further them as a package.

Members of the Caucus of MKs from Religious Parties met yesterday with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and raised Yehezkel's proposal as a possible solution to the tension following the High Court decision to allow the appointment of Brenner to the Netanya Religious Council.

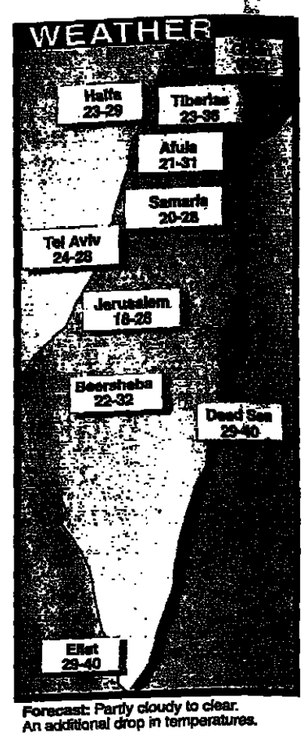
The caucus held a meeting Sunday during which the MKs demanded that the Conversion Law and an amendment to a law which would prevent non-Orthodox Jews from sitting on religious councils be passed during the Knesset recess.

The request is contrary to the general practise of not passing laws during the recess and also breaks with the agreement reached on freezing legislation of the conversion bill until the (Yaakov) Neeman Committee has presented its proposals for a compromise on the subject.

When the bill by Yehezkel calling for all-Orthodox religious councils passed preliminary reading a few months ago, he came under fire from members of his own party and Meretz who tried to pressure him into dropping it.

Yesterday, MKs from the religious parties asked for Yehezkel's cooperation in promoting the bill, however he is making it conditional on the passage of the parallel bill which would establish non-Orthodox religious councils. This bill failed to pass preliminary reading.

"The integration between the Reform and the Orthodox has gone bust," said Yehezkel, "but it must be clear to all that even those who do not define themselves as Orthodox deserve religious facilities. That's why I am making my support conditional on both bills going ahead." At the meeting with the prime minister it was decided to wait for the decision by Supreme Court President Aharon Barak on a request by the Netanya Religious Council to hold another hearing with a larger panel of judges on the ruling which allows the non-Orthodox to sit on the council.



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. An additional drop in temperatures.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	18	64	32	90	clear
Berlin	17	63	33	91	clear
Buenos Aires	10	50	22	72	clear
Cairo	23	73	34	93	cloudy
Chicago	19	66	28	82	rain
Copenhagen	17	63	26	79	clear
Frankfurt	17	63	30	86	clear
Geneva	19	66	29	84	clear
Helsinki	16	61	28	82	clear
Hong Kong	26	79	31	88	cloudy
Johburg	04	39	22	72	clear
Lisbon	16	61	25	77	p/cloudy
London	22	72	30	86	p/cloudy
Los Angeles	19	66	29	84	p/cloudy
Madrid	18	64	29	86	clear
Montreal	23	73	31	88	p/cloudy
Moscow	12	54	26	79	p/cloudy
New York	22	72	30	86	p/cloudy
Nice	22	72	28	82	clear
Paris	20	68	29	84	clear
Rome	16	64	32	90	p/cloudy
Stockholm	17	63	29	84	cloudy
Sydney	06	43	19	66	cloudy
Tokyo	28	82	33	91	clear
Toronto	18	64	28	82	cloudy
Vienna	18	64	26	79	clear
Zurich	14	57	30	86	p/cloudy

Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawings, the winning cards were the 9 of spades, 10 of hearts, ace of diamonds, and queen of clubs, and the ace of spades, jack of hearts, 7 of diamonds, and 10 of clubs.

Tapoohi named new Bezeq chairman

By JUDY SIEGEL

Israel (Izzy) Tapoohi, an Australian-born certified public accountant who has served as a close economic adviser to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and as the Likud's honorary treasurer, has been elected chairman of Bezeq's board.


Izzy Tapoohi (Ariel Jerozolimski)

Tapoohi, 51, came on aliya with his family in 1979. He is married with four children. He began his business career in 1970, when he started working in the Australian branch of Westinghouse. He then was an accountant in a Phillips subsidiary in Melbourne and in 1975 joined the central management of Phillips Australia.

After immigrating, he worked in an accounting firm and became secretary of Pioneer Concrete Ltd., which later made him its chief financial officer. Although he was involved in international financing deals, he does not have experience in telecommunications.

While involved in the Likud, he helped liquidate the party's debts and became close with Moshe Leon (now Netanyahu's chief economic adviser and bureau chief) and Avigdor Lieberman (director-general of the Prime Minister's Office). Tapoohi served as a director and chairman of the board of Africa-Israel Investment Company and is a member of the prime minister's economic think tank.

Tapoohi said he enthusiastically supports the view that government must reduce to a minimum its intervention in the economy, but that implementation must be careful and calculated. He added that the impending structural changes in Bezeq are vital and will be beneficial to the economy, causing growth, efficiency, and reduced rates.

"The state and Bezeq must show sensitivity to the workers' future and ease their transition to the new situation," he said.


Police arrest Green Action activists protesting continued work on the Trans-Israel highway at Kfar Kasem. (Pavel Wolberg/Israel Sun)

'Green' activists try to halt Trans-Israel work

By LIAT COLLINS

Several members of the Green Action environmental protection group were arrested yesterday when they chained themselves to bulldozers at the Kasem Junction where work is being carried out on part of the planned Trans-Israel Highway (Route No. 6).

The demonstrators arrived at the junction at 6 a.m. in an attempt to stop the day's work start. They demanded a meeting with the ministers of finance, national infrastructure and environment. They are also calling for the establishment of a forum that would include representatives of these ministries, environmental groups and the committees of local residents from areas affected by the planned highway.

Work on the Trans-Israel is continuing despite strong criticism of almost aspect of it – planning, financial, environmental and transport – by all the country's environmental groups, the present and former environment ministers and State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat, among others.

"The highway is unnecessary and destructive and will eat up the few green areas left in Israel," said Elhanan Kahan, one of the Green Action protesters. "It will dramatically increase the number of road accident victims, will cost the public vast sums of money; will not solve the problem of traffic jams and will wreck the financial basis for finding different solutions to the problem such as public transport and railroads."

MKs criticize IDF over prison deal

By LIAT COLLINS

MKs from Yisrael Ba'aliya have strongly criticized OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer, who said that he need not abide by the agreement signed with the inmates of Military Prison No. 6 who took guards hostage in a riot which ended Sunday.

Zvi Weinberg said the decision not to abide by the agreement could endanger the lives of future hostages. Roman Bronfman said there should be an inquiry to find out the reasons behind the prison riot and not just who is guilty of starting it.

Both MKs criticized the Hebrew press for what they said was putting unnecessary emphasis on the fact that the majority of the planners of the riot are new immigrants from the CIS.

"The decision [not to abide by the agreement] endangers the lives of many future hostages. The next riot will be more difficult, and the prisoners might slaughter the jail guards in desperation. Nobody will believe the promises of the officers," said Weinberg.

"IDF commanders should have used psychological pressure on the rioters to reach a compromise, not sign an agreement in the knowledge they had no intention of keeping it. This time the decision helped solve the crisis quickly, but the IDF's credibility has been harmed," he said.

"There is no connection between the origins of the prisoners and the fact that the riot took place," said Bronfman, who called for an inquiry into the riot by a non-military panel.

Itim adds:

Six of the ringleaders of the riot were transferred to Military Prison No. 4 yesterday. A special panel is to decided whether they will be transferred to civilian prisons.

Law prof: Agreement under duress is invalid

By BATSHEVA TSUR

An agreement reached under duress – such as that between the IDF and the prisoners in Military Prison No. 6 – has no legal validity, Prof. Mordechai Kremnitzer, of the Hebrew University law faculty, said yesterday.

"You cannot make an agreement when one side says, 'We'll kill someone unless you sign,'" he said. "The basis of an agreement is that it is made freely by both sides."

But, Kremnitzer added, there are also the moral implications of whether or not to uphold such an agreement once it has been signed.

"As long as there is a serious threat, the agreement has no moral justification. But it is important to know what brought about the extortion, what the background is."

This should also be examined against the background of whether or not the theory of equality will be affected – whether, for example, a similar group has similar conditions or not – and whether it is right to reward people who have used violence, Kremnitzer said.

It is also important to differentiate between a sporadic outbreak of violence by a group of criminals that is under the control of the authorities [in prison], he said, and a large organization, such as a terrorist organization, which may try to extort similar concessions at a later date.

"There is a dilemma: On the one hand, you do not want extortionists to be pushed too far because they know they cannot believe your promises. At the same time, you want them to realize that their ability to extort things from the government is limited."

His advise to the government? "You have to weigh whether the punishment you can mete out for the act of extortion is balanced against what you have to give up if you meet the extortionists' demands."

South Korea confirms PM visit

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) – Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will visit Seoul August 27-28 to strengthen economic and other ties between the two countries, South Korean officials said yesterday.

Netanyahu's visit, the second by an Israeli prime minister since Yitzhak Rabin's trip to Seoul in 1994, reflects rapidly expanding relations between the countries.

During his visit, Netanyahu will hold talks with President Kim Young-sam and other Seoul officials to discuss, among other things, economic cooperation and regional security, a presidential spokesman said.

"Prime Minister Netanyahu's visit will help promote joint investment and cooperation particularly in high-tech industries," he told reporters.

During Netanyahu's visit, the two countries will sign agreements calling for cooperation in agriculture and postal and telecommunications development.

Trade between Israel and South Korea rose from $420 million in 1994 to $720 million in 1996. This year's trade volume is expected to reach 1 billion.

South Korea's national news agency Yonhap, quoting unidentified government sources, said Netanyahu and South Korean leaders will also discuss North Korea's alleged missile sales to Iran and Syria.

Military cooperation is also expected to be discussed, according to defense industry officials. South Korea reportedly plans to purchase sophisticated Israeli weapons, including unmanned attack planes called remotely piloted vehicles.

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